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Teen venue gets reprieve on music

Cafe Eclectica can keep the music, but must reduce noise levels

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — A DJ playing hip-hop and fast-talking rap played a show at teen hangout Cafe Eclectica on Saturday. The cafe has often showcased piercing punk music, but shows have been canceled

through February.

The cafe nearly lost its privilege to have amplified music at all. A little-known city law and neighbor complaints threatened to permanently pull the plug, which might have threatened the cafe's viability.

The City Council voted 4-1 at its Monday, Jan. 21 meeting to allow the cafe, a teen hangout at 1309 Solano Ave., to continue scheduling live music Friday and Saturday nights.

The issue was brought before

the council after residents living nearby complained that the music — mostly by punk bands playing two nights a week — was too loud.

Despite the complaints, the council approved the permit for the cafe, during a meeting in which an estimated 50 parents and teen-agers turned out in support.

"Without the permit, we very well might have closed," said Carolie Sly, the executive director of Community Learning Ser-

vices, the nonprofit group that runs Cafe Eclectica. "Because it's by far the most popular thing we have going. It draws kids from all over the place. And the vote would've shown that we didn't have city or community support."

More than a dozen neighbors came to the Jan. 21 meeting to speak out against issuing the permit. Vice Mayor Jon Ely was the lone council member to vote against issuing the permit.

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JOANNA JHANDE/STAFF

SURROUNDED BY SOME of his students is newly shorn Albany High School music teacher Tom Lilienthal, who promised the jazz band he would let them shave his head if they won the top award at a recent festival.

Teacher makes musical success at Albany High

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — When Albany High School music teacher Tom Lilienthal arrived nine years ago, the school's music program seemed to be on its deathbed, with just a choir and concert band.

Albany High now has two symphonic bands, a jazz band, a rhythm and blues group, a rock performance class and a digital recording class.

By all accounts, Lilienthal — a professional bass player who once toured with John Fogerty and lives on a houseboat on the Richmond harbor — is responsible for bringing the music department back to life.

"I think that he's a very inspirational teacher, wonderful with kids that are very serious about music but at the same time really concerned about making music available to high schoolers that have never had music training before," said Dolores Dalton, who has organized several Albany benefit concerts with Lilienthal.

When Lilienthal, 55, arrived at the school in 1994, its music budget had been slashed and music teachers had come and gone since the retirement of a long-time instructor in 1987.

Lilienthal developed the music program to suit his own strengths. He created the rock 'n' roll class, where students without previous training perform within a semester.

He also created the concert band and, for the more experienced students, the symphonic band.

"Without the help of a lot of parents and a lot of community

Headliners playing at AHS benefit

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — A blues concert with big names is scheduled Saturday as part of an effort to help keep the school district music program afloat.

This is the fourth concert the Albany Music Fund has organized in the past year to benefit the program. If the previous concerts are any indication, it will be another sold-out success.

The concerts are the work of a dedicated group of parents who want the music program to continue flourishing, even while the school district makes budget cuts.

"In February of last year, when we started getting wind of the cuts, people thought we needed to broaden fund-raising efforts from selling snacks at (student) concerts to putting on (benefit) concerts," said Nancy Ulmer, the co-chair of the Albany Music Fund.

Last year the music program was on the chopping block as the district sought ways to cut costs during a budget crisis.

Through the benefit concerts and a direct appeal to parents for donations, the music fund raised \$120,000, saving classes and teacher positions. Ulmer said the concerts will continue as long as the music program remains in jeopardy.

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KID-TESTED, MOTHER-APPROVED



HERMAN BUSTAMANTE JR./STAFF

CHER PAR FARROKHMI and students at El Cerrito Preschool Co-op enjoy a Dav Pilkey story Monday.

Co-op preschool keeps on caring

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — A child of 3 slowly pedals a tricycle while her child digs dirt with a shovel at the El Cerrito Preschool.

Though this happened just a few days ago, it also did decades ago. The El Cerrito Preschool Co-op has been taking care of local children for more than 60 years.

At all cooperative schools, El Cerrito Preschool Co-op must participate in teaching, babysitting, maintenance and preschool and more. And parents at the El Cerrito co-op wouldn't have it any other

way. "It's quality child care and a mini community where we rely on each other for support and for friendship and just a way to find a little corner of the community you can call your own," said Kristin Theis-Alvarez, president of the preschool's board of directors. "For some people that's exactly what they're looking for."

About six mothers were supervising the toddlers one recent morning as about 30 children at a time frolicked in the outside play area.

Belinda Lesser, a single mother from El Cerrito, said the preschool offered her an extended family. She considered it a good place for her son to move

from being at home full time.

Theis-Alvarez discovered the school when she dropped by the city's community center, which sits across the street, to pick up a pool schedule. Her son practically climbed the fence when he saw the play equipment, she said.

"It definitely feels like an extension of your home in a sense," Theis-Alvarez said. "It's our school; you as a parent take ownership of it. You make decisions and get involved as much as you want."

The preschool, said to be among the first cooperative schools in California, opened in 1937.

EL CERRITO PRESCHOOL CO-OP

The El Cerrito Preschool Co-op, 7200 Moeser Lane, offers morning and afternoon sessions, with art, science, cooking, music programs and more. Tuition ranges from \$270 to \$1,058 per month, depending on how many days per week a child comes and how much parents participate in running the facility and teaching.

Parents are required to attend monthly meetings and quarterly maintenance sessions. For information, call 510-526-1916

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Commuters catch activists' anti-war songs

By Tom Lochner
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — A group of activists have taken their message to the rails, serenading passengers at BART stations during the evening rush.

This week, more than 40 members of Singing For Peace outside the turnstiles at the end of the El Cerrito Del Norte station belting out standards from the Vietnam War and other struggle eras, spiritually, peace-themed pop tunes. They launched into John

Lennon's "Imagine" — envisioning a world without countries, possessions, greed or hunger and "nothing to kill or die for" — some commuters walked by oblivious; others exhibited surprise; many expressed support. A very few scowled.

And some joined in the singing, if only for a few minutes. "This is good because it gets the word out that we don't all want war," said Jeff Riddell of Vacaville, who had just arrived by bus and was taking BART to San Leandro.

"I think it's a great idea. I love it," said Terry Goodwin, who had come by bicycle and was mulling

over joining in the singing.

"Whatever we can do to resolve this (dispute with Saddam Hussein) peacefully, I'm for it," Goodwin said. "I love life. I love people."

Several group members said that with ever-shriller threats of war emanating from the White House, they feel they are in a race against time and have a re-energized sense of purpose. The group began singing together weekly in November — on Tuesdays or Fridays from 4:45 to 6:30 p.m. — a month after Congress authorized President Bush to attack Iraq. Their first stand was at the Orinda station, with about

15 people.

TUE NAM TON/STAFF
SALLY GOLDIN (left) and Betsy Rose (guitar) lead songs of peace and healing at the Del Norte BART Station in El Cerrito Jan. 14

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IN BRIEF

Albany

From the collection of ... you, perhaps?

The Albany Library is looking for people who would like to display their interesting personal collections in the library exhibit case. The library is taking reservations for 2004. Collections might include such things as lunch boxes, rock memorabilia, dolls, Pez dispensers, etc. The collection will display for a month in a locked case. Contact Ronnie Davis at the Albany Library 510-526-3720, ext. 16 or e-mail rddavis@aclibrary.org.

Dance to a DJ and learn salsa steps

Demonstrations of steps by the Bay Area's top salsa dancers will be featured at a dance party (with a DJ) Saturday Feb. 22, from 8 to 11:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. for dessert bar.

Organizers say the evening, a fund-raiser for the Albany High athletics program, will be an easy way to get started salsa dancing and learn a few steps, and also a little about the instructors and dance studios. It is open for those age 16 and up.

Admission is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Albany High Events Room, 603 Key Route Blvd. Details: 510-525-2716.

Two memorials will honor Meniketti

Two events are scheduled to honor the memory of the late Dario Meniketti, who died Dec. 5, at age 87.

The first is a "Clean-Up Albany Day" since, among his many contributions, Meniketti was known for keeping the city clean. Participants will gather at the Albany Chamber of Commerce, 1108 Solano Ave., at 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, and are asked to bring trash bags and gloves. For information: 510-525-1771.

The second tribute is a public memorial at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Saturday, Feb. 15, at 2 p.m. Residents are asked to bring finger food and refreshments. For information: 510-527-5583.

Poetry takes stage at the Albany Library

The Albany Library offers many ways to encourage the inner poet to emerge. First Thursdays features open mic and featured poet. February's event is Thursday, Feb. 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Edith Stone Room, with featured poet Lynne Knight.

Second Wednesdays are a drop-in poetry writing workshop, for all ages, led by Alison Seevak. Due to the holiday, February's session will be held Feb. 19 from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Edith Stone Room.

Second Saturdays are a drop-in Poetry Writing Workshop for grades 4-8, also led by Alison Seevak. February's event is Feb. 8 from 2 to 4 p.m.

All three events are free and ongoing. Light refreshments will be served. The Albany Library is at 1247 Marin Ave. Details: 510-526-3720 ext. 20.

Chamber holds a Day at the Races

Albany Day at the Races will be held Saturday, Feb. 22 at Golden Gate Fields. The Albany Chamber of Commerce will be distributing tickets to all chamber members and others in the community who would like to attend. The tickets are good for free general admission at Golden Gate Fields. There will be a special section designated for Albanians, on the south side of the track.

The first race is at 12:45 p.m., but visitors are welcome to come to the track beginning at 11:30 a.m. Children are welcome, though due to the chamber's limited budget and the fact that it is giving away tickets this year, the group will be unable to provide any special entertainment for kids this year, said James Carter, organization's executive director. For ticket information call: 510-525-1771, or send an e-mail to albanychamber@bigplanet.com

El Cerrito

Colorful shrubs and more at garden club

The El Cerrito Garden Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 13, in the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane.

Following the business meeting and serving of refreshments, Aerin Moore, from Magic Gardens Nursery of Richmond, will present a program on "Early Spring Perennial and Shrub Color."

Guests are welcome; \$3 at the door. Details: 510-234-0135.

— Alan Lopez

Richmond

Workshop for high school parents

West Contra Costa Adult Education will hold a workshop Thursday, Feb. 27, from 7 to 9 p.m. for parents of seventh-, eighth- and ninth-graders to help them choose middle school and high school courses and activities their student might consider for a successful school experience, while laying the groundwork for applying to college. The workshop will meet in Room 1 at the Alvarado Adult Campus, 5625 Sutter St., Richmond. The parking lot is accessible off San Mateo St. To register, call 510-215-4666 ext. 0 or 510-559-2660 ext. 0. Due to current financial constraints on the school district, and contrary to the winter catalogue listing, the district is charging \$10 per parent, payable prior to this workshop.

Instructor Jim Walker, has 25 years experience in college admissions counseling, and is a past middle and high school administrator. He is currently in private practice as a college admissions counselor, and a reader of UC Berkeley applications.



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ALBANY POLICE

Monday, Jan. 20

■ **DUI** — In the afternoon, officers stopped a white '77 Honda near Starnage Avenue and Garfield Street for a vehicle code violation. The driver, an El Cerrito man, 27, was arrested for DUI.

Tuesday, Jan. 21

■ **ARREST** — Officers assisted UC police in apprehending a subject in UC Village suspected of involvement in a recent crime wave in the area.

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — At about 2 a.m. officers arrested a Richmond man for disorderly conduct when he was found lying down near San Pablo and Monroe avenues. He was found to be intoxicated.

■ **MAIL THEFT** — Shortly before midnight a resident on the 800 block of Cornell Avenue reported that mail had been stolen from his mailbox.

Wednesday, Jan. 22

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — A Hercules man reported thieves had stolen tools from his unlocked white Ford van parked in front of Albany Middle School, where he worked.

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — At about 9:30 p.m. officers responded to reports of two subjects walking north on San Carlos Street who appeared to be intoxicated and who were yelling racial slurs at a woman and her grandmother. One of the subjects, a 17-year-old Albany boy, was

EL CERRITO POLICE

Monday, Jan. 13

■ **ASSAULT** — A man was arrested on suspicion of trying to run someone over with his vehicle after police responded to an altercation on San Pablo and Central avenues.

Friday, Jan. 17

■ **DRUG POSSESSION** — A man was arrested on an outstanding warrant and for possession of drug paraphernalia and a controlled substance on the 900 block of Galvin Drive at 8:26 p.m.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1993 Honda Accord was stolen from Kragen Auto Parts between 11 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 18

■ **THEFT** — About \$23,000 in property was stolen from a shed on the 7700 block of Terrace Drive between 2:30 p.m. on Jan. 18 and 10 a.m. the next day.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1989 Honda Accord was stolen from the 2300 block of Alva Avenue sometime between 5 p.m. on Jan. 18 and 8 a.m. the next day.

■ **SHOPLIFTING** — A Richmond man was arrested on suspicion of shoplifting at Target at 7:50 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 19

■ **THEFT** — Power tools were stolen from a garage on the 1300 block of Contra Costa Drive sometime between 9 p.m. on Jan. 19 and 6 a.m. on Jan. 21 and 5:45 a.m. the next day.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A stolen 1986 Toyota van was recovered on the 2600 block of Tulare Avenue. The vehicle was reported stolen Jan. 15.

Monday, Jan. 20

■ **BURGLARY** — Portable CD players and CDs were taken from two unlocked vehicles in the driveway of a home on the 1300 block of Rifle Range Road between 10 p.m. on Jan. 21 and 5:45 a.m. the next day. The garage of the home was also entered but it was unknown if there was any loss.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1993 four-door Saturn was stolen from Fairfield the previous day.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1993 Acura Integra was stolen from the 900 block of Avis between 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 21 and 6:30 a.m. the next day. The owner located the vehicle on the same block of Avis 30 minutes after reporting the vehicle stolen to police.

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found to be sober and was released. The other subject, an 18-year-old Richmond man, was arrested for disorderly conduct, cited and released.

Thursdays, the attacker standing near the BART path. Police are investigating.

■ **DUI** — About 2 a.m. a resident on the 800 block of Madison Street reported a dark green Jeep had just hit a parked car, pushing it into a telephone pole and causing damage. The subject in the Jeep was last seen walking south toward Solano Avenue. The caller was able to give officers the license number of the Jeep. Officers located and arrested a 29-year-old Richmond man for DUI.

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — A resident on the 900 block of Hillside Avenue reported that thieves had broken into her red '91 Acura.

■ **ASSAULT** — About 7:45 p.m. a Richmond woman reported she had been mugged by an attacker with a gun about 15 minutes prior while she was on the BART path near Albany Middle School. She described her attacker as a black male, age 15-20 and wearing a gray logging suit.

■ **THEFT** — An Albany Middle School teacher reported her wallet was stolen.

■ **ROBBERY** — A few minutes later a victim reported being confronted by a black male, about 18 years old, clean shaven and wearing a hood. He had a gun and demanded money.

Friday, Jan. 24

■ **ROBBERY** — An Albany man reported that at about 12:30 a.m., while he was sleeping in a green '01 Mitsubishi parked near Masonic Avenue and Dartmouth Street, he was confronted by a man who put a knife to his throat and demanded money. He described the attacker as a black male wearing a blue or green hooded jacket with a mask. The victim was able to pull away and he last

was left in front of the home.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1989 Toyota Camry was stolen from the 2000 block of Key Boulevard between 3 p.m. on Jan. 21 and noon the next day.

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — A stolen 1990 Honda Accord was located on the 2400 block of Mira Vista Drive. The vehicle was reported stolen in Albany on Jan. 18.

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — A stolen 1989 Honda Accord was located on the 2200 block of Alva Avenue at 3:06 a.m.

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Music: Key to youth at 100

etta Martin started playing piano during the Administration, when Truman was in and she's still going

By Marion Fay
CORRESPONDENT

Music is my religion," says Loretta Martin. Last and violinist who started chamber music with several mornings a week, Martin celebrated her birthday on Jan. 16. "I can't perform as well as she does — her favorite composers are Brahms and Beethoven — and she's said that her passion for music is the main reason why she's still going so long."

She had started studying piano at age 13 and within seven years was giving recitals at the Salt Lake City. She moved from the McCune School of Music there, and California in 1934. She and her husband-to-be, Arista, a pianist and artist, in 1946, and they married on Jan. 16.

She worked as secretary director of the UC Berkeley Seismic Station for 22 years, and she always found time for music.

In the early 1950s painting her husband met a painter in Washington resident Bob Brewster, who also played the piano.

Meeting soon led to son-in-laws, which Loretta Martin and Arista, might have participated in the musical performances, the two pianists decided to redirect their own talents.

She started violin studies at age 50 and her husband, Bob, took up the cello so as to join in his wife's musical group. All four decided to start from scratch," as Martin was learning how to play instruments — a difficult task even when begun.

Her plan was to establish a quartet as a quartet, as cellist, Bob as violinist, and Carolyn as pianist.

The quartet continued playing together for 17 years, until the Martins, following Arista's retirement, moved to Healdsburg. Upon returning to the Bay Area in 1990, and Loretta, at age 83, at the Kensington Symphony Orchestra as a violinist.

A member since the late 1980s, she plays violin — in defiance of temperamental fingers. Loretta carries her own violin case, walks unaided, and following Arista's death



MARK DUFRENE/STAFF

LORETTA MARTIN, 100, practices a Mozart piece in her Richmond home, accompanied by friend Marga Stone of El Cerrito, accompanying her on violin.

in 1981.

Lush landscapes, semi-cubist works and cityscapes in watercolor and in oil — paintings by Arista and Bob Walen — adorn Martin's home. Books are shelved everywhere, and several violins made by Arista are on display. The living room centerpiece, a 42-year-old piano, is in frequent use.

At present, she's working on Mozart's Sonata No. 15 with two violins.

Not only does this "religion" deeply engage her mind, heart and body, it also involves creating sustained bonds with others, she says.

On Monday mornings, Martin plays duets with violinist and long-time friend Clarissa Salter, of El Cerrito. After several hours of music, they go out together for lunch and shopping. On Friday mornings, Martin and her violinist friends, Clarissa and Carolyn, carpool to the Oakland Community Orchestra rehearsal.

A member since the late 1980s, she plays violin — in defiance of temperamental fingers. Loretta carries her own violin case, walks unaided, and following Arista's death

participates in at least five concerts a year.

A recent performance involved playing hymns during the Sunday service at the First Congregational Church in Oakland. Other orchestral concerts are given at residential retirement centers.

Martin, however, has no plans to move to such a residence.

"I've never thought about leaving my own home," she asserts. "If I didn't have music, my thinking might be different. But, as it is, I don't ever get bored, and I've always got to practice, both the piano and the violin. I probably wouldn't be allowed to play my instruments in a retirement home," Martin says, "because the sound might bother others."

An intellectually curious and dedicated reader, she prefers nonfiction, history and biography in particular, and has just finished reading a book that covers the span of her own life, "The Century," by Peter Jennings and Todd Brewster.

Martin always wants to know what her friends are reading and relishes dialogue

about their mutual reflections. She records thoughts and feelings in a journal she's been keeping for 40 years.

Martin has never driven a car, and, until a few years ago, walked to a nearby grocery store for daily supplies. Nowadays, various friends provide transport for errands and appointments, but she prepares her own meals, keeps house and supervises household repairs.

She doesn't cook on Friday nights, though. Come what may, she goes out to dinner with a group of friends in a tradition now in its 52nd year.

As her 100th birthday approached, she was "a little apprehensive" about being the center of attention, she admitted. Yet she also believes her longevity is "in some ways kind of handy. People are always pleasant to me. I get lots of senior discounts, and I always get to sit in the front seat of cars."

Priest marks 50 years of dedicated service

APPY ANNIVERSARY to Monsignor Bernard Moran, the pastor of St. Theresa's Parish in upper Rockridge. Last Friday he celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

He was ordained on Jan. 24, 1953, at St. Mary's Church in San Francisco, along with another young seminarian named John Cummins, who is now Bishop of the Diocese of Oakland. (So happy anniversary to you, too, Bishop Cummins.)

Msgr. Moran celebrated last week with a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, with many VIPs — including Bishop Cummins — in attendance. But on the day of the anniversary itself, he chose to celebrate a special Mass with the most important people of all: the children of the parish. "They're what it's all about, anyway," he explains.

Twenty-one of those 50 years have been spent at St. Theresa's, and there have been many memorable moments, including a visit by the relics of St. Theresa herself in 2000.

But the most memorable of all was the horrible Oakland hills firestorm in 1991. "Until it crossed Highway 24, the fire was almost entirely within the boundaries of our parish," he says. "More than 240 of our parishioners lost their homes."

The fire broke out on a Sunday morning. It kept coming closer and closer, but Msgr. Moran refused to leave. Finally, at 6:30, the firefighters ordered him out. "I didn't know if anything would still be there when I got back," he says.

Since St. Theresa was a Carmelite nun, urgent phone calls went out to Carmelite convents all over the western United States, asking the sisters to pray to the saint and ask her to intercede with God on behalf of the church and its parishioners.

Sure enough, when Msgr. Moran was finally allowed to return on Wednesday, he was amazed to find the church was still there.

But the greater miracle was what happened inside the hearts of the parishioners. They dug deep into their pockets and pitched in with their labor to help all who were made homeless — Catholic or not.

"It was the most amazing experience I ever had," says Msgr. Moran. "Petty things went right out the door."

One parishioner who lost his home was a man named John Anderson. Instead of rebuilding, he gave the lot to St. Theresa's. And the money from the sale of that lot was used to



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

buy the exquisite stained glass windows that now adorn the church.

Scattered throughout the windows are small bits of red glass, symbolizing rose petals. "Just before St. Theresa died, she promised that when she met God, she would 'let fall from Heaven a shower of roses,'" explains Msgr. Moran.

The windows were dedicated on Oct. 1, 1996, the Feast of St. Theresa. A plaque reads, "May the stained glass windows of this church ever be a reminder of the intercessory prayers that sustained the people of St. Theresa Parish during the firestorm of 1991. And by this enhancement of our worship space, may we become a more prayerful community."

Msgr. Moran is 75, the age at which (by Church law) he must retire. A new priest will be appointed, and Msgr. Moran will stay on for a few months to show him the ropes. After that, he'll keep contributing as much as his health allows — and as much as the new priest wants him to.

"I never had any great ambition to be a high Church prelate," he says. "When I was a young man, I realized that God made us to love, know and serve him in this world, and to be happy with him in the next. And I decided the best thing I could do with my life would be to help people to see that."

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Golf pro finds relief at Good Feet

When Bobby Astleford walked into the Good Feet Store a few months ago, he was looking for relief. As a golf teaching professional at El Camino Country Club, Bobby spends all day on his feet. "I had chronic back pain and a lot of joint trauma," Astleford said. "And, my knees have been operated on five times." "A friend of mine, another golf pro, had suggested that the Good Feet Store products might help my back and knee pain," Astleford said.

Astleford described the kind of pain he was experiencing and the kind of work he did to Oakland Good Feet Store owners, Erik and Glenn Krupp. "They made measurements of my feet and had me try on several pairs of arch supports," Astleford said. "My feet are on the flat side so the supports felt a little funny at first, but within days I had gotten used to them. Since then, the relief has been tremendous."

Astleford reports that the supports have improved his posture so his back and joints no longer hurt. "It's similar to what I teach golfers," Astleford said. "I'll help them correct their swing, which prevents injury and improves their game. The Good Feet Store arch supports correct my balance and spine alignment, which prevents stress on my joints and relieves my pain."

"My supports can be worn in all my shoes, including my clogs, so I can get the benefit not only on the golf course, but throughout the day," Astleford said.

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... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter.

— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

City makes right move on Cafe Eclectica's noise issues

POSSIBLY THE TOP priority in Albany is the welfare of its children. It's a community concern that has led to all kinds of things: traffic-calming on busy streets where kids walk to school; efforts to get more playing fields built; fund-raising shows with top-name performers to save school music programs.

And last week, the City Council properly reflected that community priority by approving an entertainment permit for Cafe Eclectica, so that the teen hangout could stay open.

Even when they start looking and acting more like adults, teen-agers are still those young people the city values. They need a safe place in the city to congregate, and to enjoy each other's company and the kind of entertainment they like — even if it drives older folks up a wall.

Though Eclectica has been in operation since 2000, no one at the city remembered that it would need this permit — mainly because so few businesses in town offer live music. The last entertainment permit was issued in 1995.

The issue was aired at the Jan. 21 council meeting after neighbors of the Solano Avenue cafe complained about the high-decibel entertainment intruding on everyday activities — such as sleeping.

Also properly, the cafe's management and the City Council took neighbors' complaints seriously. The cafe has agreed that during loud shows its doors and windows will be closed, and the outdoor patio won't be used.

It also will monitor noise levels and meet with residents to find out what else it can do about the problem.

Meanwhile, the city will review the permit in six months, or sooner if there are traffic, parking or other violations.

There are some signs that some neighbors still aren't happy with the noise levels, so this is probably not the last we've heard about the issue.

Those who support live shows at Cafe Eclectica must, if they're not neighbors of the place themselves, put themselves in the neighbors' place.

The entertainment permit, which should have been issued when the cafe opened, is the right first step to keep open a safe place for young people to gather.

In the next phase, the city and the cafe need to make sure the cafe can also be a good neighbor by continuing to hear what neighbors have to say — even over all that noise.

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Suggested improvements

Here are my suggestions for political improvements in 2003.

Cut taxes.

Cut school administration.

Stop the insane practice of our federal, state, county and city governments passing so many stupid, costly laws. We can't afford them. We don't need them.

Last year, California passed more than 1,000 new laws. Insanity!

Change the crazy environmental laws so we can build more dams and highways. We need more water and I'm tired of gridlock every day.

Get rid of the Endangered Species Act. Humans are more valuable than bugs, birds, frogs, flies, gnats, fish and weeds. Bio-diversity is humans, as well as all living things, enjoying life together.

Stop the mergers of big corporations. When the Clinton administration raised taxes so high and then allowed 19 mergers of our biggest corporations, it created a false economy that forced a stock-market crash during Clinton's last year. We lost trillions of dollars from American

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STATE CUTS BUDGETS TO SCHOOLS

IT'S AN OPTION IF WE HAVE TO GO TO LARGER CLASSES.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

First things first

Reader Art Schroeder is right in his assertion that El Cerrito needs a city hall (Letters, Jan. 17), but hardly for the reason he cites: to gain "the attention and respect of potential developers."

It appears the majority of our City Council — Mark Friedman, Janet Abelson, Letitia Moore and Sandi Potter — have already seen fit to gain developers' attention by using developer money to defeat former Councilwoman Kathie Perka.

Friedman, in the last election, which is meant to be non-partisan, saw fit to send letters to Democratic party voters pointing out that Perka is a Republican. Friedman and Abelson saw fit to send letters only to Democratic voters. Was developer money used to finance the mailing of these letters?

I, for one, have little doubt that that is so, as reference to election documents filed with the city just days before the election show such to be the case.

I submit the city would be better served if the present council majority would see fit to concentrate on fixing our city streets (as advocated by then-council member Perka) and pay less attention to "gaining the attention and respect of potential developers," which they already apparently have.

William P. Olivito
El Cerrito

Exercise in arrogance

The case being made by the Bush administration for going to war with Iraq is an exercise in arrogance, simplistic thinking and fear-mongering.

There are, however, many people sufficiently impressed by this new style of leadership. In this new form, the statesman replaces diplomacy with bullying, replaces restraint with pre-emptive strike rhetoric, and concern for the well-being of all is replaced with short-sighted self-interest.

One of the signs at the Jan. 18 peace demonstration speaks for me: "Whoa, Cowboy." My apologies to cowboys who don't identify with this stereotype.

Ron Greenstein

El Cerrito

pension plans and millions of good jobs.

Make drugs legal so we can save law-enforcement money. The war against drugs has not worked and we are losing thousands of our young Americans every year. In Oakland, 114 people were murdered last year and more than 1,000 were killed in Los Angeles County.

Ella Jensen
El Cerrito

Reason behind numbers

A recent news article covered television late-night news ratings. The article focused on the change in ratings one year after the KNTV affiliation switched to NBC and KRON went independent.

Ratings compared 2002 to 2001 viewership. The article avoided discussing the significant declines in viewership during this one-year period.

Here is the missing discussion, along with an explanation for the declines. Using media data, the 11 p.m. time slot (shared by KRON, KGO, KPIX and KNTV) had a 10 percent decline in viewership. These declines are because viewers are turning to legitimate sources for news. News obtained from radio talk shows has doubled. The fair and balanced Fox News has risen to be the top rated TV news network.

The 10 p.m. time slot, occupied exclusively by KTVU, experienced a 20 percent decline (twice the decline of the 11 p.m. slot). The additional decline is because the San Francisco Chronicle now controls KTVU and their news programming reflects the left-tilted philosophy of the paper. Viewers are changing to fair and balanced news sources.

Hal Schultz
El Cerrito

Good taxes!

Let's look at this discussion over the SUV in a more objective manner and put it to rest. Let it be noted that I have two sons and a grandson working — and earning big bucks — at Ford Motor Co.

I believe people should be allowed to drive anything they wish, whether it is a small compact car, such as I have (40 miles to the gallon), an SUV or a cement truck.

I also believe that to alleviate the dismal budget problems here in California, an added tax of at least 50 cents be added to each gallon of gas. I also believe in raising the tax on cigarettes by \$1.10, as proposed — in fact, I think that additional tax should be \$2 per pack.

Vehicle license fees should be raised and they should be based on the weight and value of the vehicle. And how adding a tax of about \$1 to each bottle of liquor or six-pack of beer?

How could anyone be angry with a

drunk, a smoker, or that person that gas guzzler, when they realize are making Californians wealthy?

Earl

Hardly a case

Iraq has basically cooperated with inspectors, who have found no real evidence of forbidden weapons. By contrast, Korea has expelled arms inspectors thought to already possess nuclear weapons. Yet the Bush administration is treating Korea with kid gloves, offering no aid.

Military officials, active and retired, stated that we can best prevent Saddam Hussein from using any hidden weapons destruction by continuing our "containment" policy.

If Saddam's access to such weapons is worrisome (and it is), why did former Presidents Reagan and Bush (senior) help build up his military?

Why did the Reagan-Bush administration, including Donald Rumsfeld, the man sent to Saddam, give him chemical weapon stock and help him build chemical weapons?

If Saddam's rule is threatening, Bush Sr., Richard Cheney (his defense secretary), and Colin Powell (his top military officer) deliberately leave Saddam in after the 1991 Gulf war?

We could save much trouble and innocent lives (American and Iraqi) by simply rounding up Reagan, Bush Sr., Rumsfeld and Powell. Then prosecute them in the United States for treason, or World Court for complicity in crimes against humanity.

Michael

Peace parade?

Ever notice that when the crowd ends their "peace" parade looks like a war-zone?

Bill

Bishops flout U.S. law

Endless reports of pedophilia aren't bad enough publicity — the deaf Catholic Church also welcome legal aliens when millions of Americans are unemployed in a shrinking economy.

The church's open-borders immigration philosophy is hardly genial; instead it is focused on bringing Catholics into America and into the pews abandoned by American Catholics disgusted with the church's moral failure. According to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, 71 percent of the in the U.S. Catholic Church since 1970.

The Catholic Church is just special interest with an agenda according to the general good. In many of the illegal aliens so esteemed church work for minimal wages and displaced black Americans, mostly non-Catholic.

The Vatican should remember what was stated unequivocally to "Caesar" that which is Caesar's is Caesar's. The church has no right to harm Americans and their laws just so its numbers can increase.

Brenda

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acial issues challenge ucators, researchers

ST WEEK, I spent Monday at a Martin Luther King celebration in El Cerrito High. It was heavily attended by students and school staff. Wednesday evening, I attended a session at El Cerrito High led by educators who wrote a letter, "Because of the Racial and Cultural Differences in Schools." Wednesday afternoon, I was in the district's office on how to meet the district's goal of "Promised Instruction at my School." Thursday afternoon I attended a Stanford University-organized District study group on teaching and learning in classrooms.

Nowhere in there is my role in the diversity of the classroom. The Impact of Diversity: The Impact on Achievement" is mentioned in the mail.

The district doesn't have all the answers to the issues surrounding diversity in the classroom. But clearly we're talking about the role of race in education.

One of the most important things at the Stanford group is that being effective in a diverse population is complex that thinking "out of the box" is important. I don't see everyone the same.

Rose Markus, a Stanford psychologist, said it may be uncomfortable for the teacher to think everyone is the same. But the research presented suggests not everyone share the teacher's view. The studies indicate, for example, that while students tend to value diversity as a personal choice, they are doing well while performing a task, in this case, African American students.

An article by Steele that was handed out at the session is at www.theatlantic.com/issues/99a/ug/9908stereotype.htm.

The two women who made the presentation at El Cerrito High add another perspective. Karen Manheim Teel in both the book and presentation shares the misconceptions she had about teaching African-American students and the progress she made by opening her classroom to the observations of her co-author, Jennifer E. Obidah, who is African American.

The two encourage other educators to reflect on how their own background influences their perceptions and interactions with students. They encourage other teachers to open their classroom doors and allow colleagues to observe and provide feedback.

Betty King Buginas is a teacher in the West Contra Costa Unified School District.



BETTY KING BUGINAS
Schools

Reading aloud can create lifelong impressions

Quote of the week:

"It had been startling and disappointing to me to find out that story books had been written by people, that books were not natural wonders, coming of themselves like grass."

— Eudora Welty, 1909-2001



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

YEARS OF READING
aloud to my children and my younger brothers before that has left fragments of books in my head, which can suddenly appear, prompted by some feeling or object.

For instance, at the end of a particularly tiring day I'll find myself thinking "What a day Dad had." (Recognize it?) Not exactly appropriate, since I'm a mom, but there it is. Or I'll come across a lone button and the plaintive words "That's not my button, my button is round" will go through my mind. (Or this one?)

I loved reading books to my children partly, I think, because my parents read to me. But I also loved it because reading aloud is an entertainment that demands so little and provides so much. In 1986's "Becoming

a Nation of Readers," the Commission on Reading called reading aloud to children "the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for success in reading." (United States Department of Education Web site). And as Jim Trelease says in his "Read Aloud Handbook": "Reading aloud is a commercial for reading ..."

When I was the coordinator for Family Literacy for Alameda County, we had a reading-aloud program for incarcerated parents and their children. But in this case, the parents read a picture book into a tape recorder and then we sent the tape and the book to their children. Sometimes the parents would read each other's books, to make the tape longer, and I remember one

year they also sang songs. It was a wonderful way to reinforce the importance of reading, while also providing a connection between parent and child — not to mention the pleasure it gave these families.

I mention all of this because I've been thinking about the one program most consistently offered by a library — story time. This can take several forms, including toddler times, preschool hours and lapsits.

The Contra Costa County Library system has many of these, with target ages running from birth to age 5 and with names like "Patty Cakes" (my favorite) and "Pajama Story Time." Richmond Public Library has story times at all of its branches, for ages 5 and under.

The Alameda County Library has Preschool Programs (3 to 5 years) and Toddler Programs (12 to 36 months). In the description of its Toddler Program, the Dublin Library includes this request, which I love: "One child per adult, please. Each child needs a lap to sit on."

This past summer the Al-

bany Library also had a new program called "Read Me a Story" in which readers ages 10 to 18 were available each afternoon to read to younger children in the library.

All of these are versions of a simple truism: Book plus reader plus listener equals program. In our commercialized and sometimes frightening world, I find this constant a comfort.

READER REVIEW: Today's book review is from Mary and the book is "The Fire This Time," by Ramsey Clark. It's nonfiction and appropriate for high school students to adults. Mary says this book is about "Iraq — what it is like there since we have destroyed so much of their country." One word she would use to describe it is "honest" and she recommends it because "we should know about Iraq."

At the Library appears weekly. Julie Winkelstein can be reached at the Albany Library or at jwinkelstein@aclibrary.org

EL CERRITO SCHOOL NEWS

Madera Elementary

PTA MEETINGS: Parents are invited to attend monthly PTA meetings, held the first Monday of each month at 7:15 p.m. in the child care building. The next meeting is Monday, Feb. 3.

JOUSTING FOR MADERA: Ladies and their squires will spend a "Knight" in medieval England at the annual Madera Auction on April 5 at Mira Vista Country Club. State budget cuts mean this fund-raiser, Madera PTA's biggest, is more critical than ever. Scores of donated goods and services have arrived on white chargers; now's the time for local merchants and entrepreneurs to show support by pledging merchandise or classes, a meal deal or a fun outing, or hours of your professional time. If you know of a merchant willing to make a donation, contact auction co-chairs Donna

Houser (510-234-2251), Steve Thuesen (510-527-7284) or Joni Hiramoto (510-235-3704). Tickets are \$20 advance, \$25 at the door.

CELEBRATE MULTICULTURALISM at International Night, Madera's showcase of talent from around the world within its walls. Students of many ethnicities and national origins share their talents and perform in their native tongues the evening of Feb. 27 in the multipurpose room.

CRANK UP THE CART: Madera PTA is taking script orders from families that shop at El Cerrito Natural Grocery and the Berkeley Bowl. You can also benefit Madera when you shop at Albertsons, Safeway and Andronico's and use eScript or by Schoolpop.com when you shop online or through merchant partnership programs. Contact Maureen Hayes (510-525-7084) or Amy Wilson (510-525-0695) to enroll.

A SLICE OF PIE: Every first Friday of the month, order pizza from Pizza Roma in the Safeway shopping center on Moeser Lane and Madera gets a slice of the pepperoni. See you Feb. 7!

Portola Middle School

ALL THAT JAZZ: Mark your calendars and buy your tickets now for the Yoshi's Jazz Event at 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, for the Portola and El Cerrito High School jazz bands and 10 p.m. Feb. 10 for the El Cerrito High School Jazz Bands. Tickets are \$10 per person for each show. Contact Elle Mishima at 510-234-0400 for tickets.

NEWSLETTER: The next Portola PTA newsletter will be distributed in early February. Teachers, parents, staff and students are all invited to send articles about events, activities and accomplishments. Send them to Sheila Tarbet at starbet@attbi.com, by Jan. 28.

TALK TO SCHOOL LEADERS: New school board president Patricia Player invites the community to discuss the work of the district in an informal setting at Portola Middle School from 9:30-11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, in the library, 1021 Naveliner St. at Moeser in El Cerrito. The panel includes: Player, school board president; Charles Ramon, school board trustee; and Giora Johnston, superintendent.

DIRECT APPEAL PROGRAM: With the inevitable state budget cuts affecting our children's education soon, your contribution to the Portola PTA's Direct Appeal Program is appreciated more than ever! All donations go into the PTA's general fund. Monies have been spent in the past on books for the library, school improvements, classroom supplies for teachers and other materials the district cannot provide.

ALBANY PTA NEWS

Albany High School

Feb. 1, Blues Concert to benefit Albany Music Fund featuring Norton Buffalo, Elvin Bishop and Turtle Island String Quartet. 7:30 p.m., AHS Gym, \$10/Students, \$20/bleachers, \$25/main floor, for reservations call 510-559-8474 or e-mail: albanymusic@hotmail.com

Feb. 3, PTA meets, 7 p.m., AHS Library

Feb. 6, Instructional Improvement Committee, 7 p.m., Asst. Prin. Conf. Room

Feb. 7-15, Student Musical "Guys and Dolls," 8 p.m. Feb. 7 and 14; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Feb. 8 and 15; 5 p.m. Feb. 9, AHS Little Theater, Tickets \$10

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Albany Middle School

Feb. 6, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., AMS Library

Feb. 14, ESL Luncheon, volunteers needed, contact Hao Quim in 510-524-6158 or haquoquin@pacbell.net

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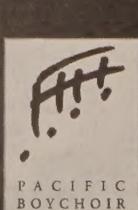
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Three recent deaths touch the community

WHEN YOU REACH my advanced age, you dare not skip the obituaries in the paper each day. Sadly, recently within just over a week, three names jumped out at me. Three people who had had a part in the lives of my late husband, Joseph Genser, and me. Good people who led good lives.

First there was Donald Frost. It was just at the end of World War II and all of us had returned from the service and were starting our lives. A group of us formed a local chapter of the American Veterans Committee. We were conscious of and proud of being "Citizens First, Veterans Second," and eager to take part in the affairs of our community, state and nation. We met in our home, probably because we were the only veteran couple among us. Young, eager and anxious to make meaningful lives.

Don and his brother John were among the group, and Don was one of our stalwarts. It was a great, active organization, taking part in many community, state and national activities. But by the time Don met and married his Lois, a local teacher, we were beginning to fall apart, going our separate ways. But we did well, and made our mark on the affairs of the day.

John Thurbon was the next name, Joe, at the urging of his father and one of the local judges, had joined the Masons. Never one to just join, Joe was soon "going through the chairs." Jack Thurbon was already there, going through the chairs ahead of Joe. He soon became a friend and a mentor of my husband.

And his wife, Iona, who I notice died not long before he did, was also active, and was one of those who taught me how to be a Master's wife. Since I was pregnant at the time, and new to such organizations, I needed all the help I could get, and Iona was gracious, friendly and kind.

And finally, there was that lovely lady, Inez Schuyten. At the time we met, Inez was a teacher at Roosevelt Junior High School in Richmond. A fine teacher and beloved by her students. Inez and her husband, John, then also a teacher, were already active in the West County community.

Ben Rust, a master teacher, and my husband, Joe, a lawyer, were starting to organize a teacher's union, a chapter of the American Federation of Teachers. Inez and John were among a small core of teachers who worked with them to make the new organization a vital, important part of the schools. It was a struggle, against many odds, but with all of the teachers working together it did work, and although the changes were slow and hard won, it was rewarding.

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EXHIBIT

■ **WHAT:** "In Memoriam: Remembering Those We've Lost"

■ **WHERE:** The Richmond Art Center, 2540 Barrett Ave.

■ **WHEN:** Opens today, continues through March 22. For gallery hours contact 510-620-6772 or www.therichmondartcenter.org.

■ **CALL:** The Community Project, 510-524-8252

well for our students. We wanted to figure out a way that they could hold onto something."

Holland agrees, adding: "Because they are dead doesn't mean they no longer play a role in who you're becoming."

First, Dillof interviewed students and collaborated with them on a piece of text describing their experiences and feelings. Sometimes, the passages came from the teens' own writing; other times, the words were transcriptions of conversations.

Next, the students went to Holland to help plan a portrait location that would best capture the memory of the person who had been lost.

Susan Kim, a 2002 graduate of El Cerrito High, asked to join the project so she could revisit her feelings about her mother, who had died in a car accident in December 2000.

"I always feel like I'm sort of like grieving memories of her," says Kim, now a freshman at UC Berkeley. "As time goes on, I'm forgetting the way that she smells, and the way that she laughed. I'm just doing anything I can to hold onto her memory..."

"It's always hard for me to talk about her, but I think it was good. Just letting anything out helps, so it's not all bottled up."

When trying to settle on a place that would capture her mother's memory, Kim first mentioned her mother's gravesite. Later, she realized the right location was actually her church.

"It's kind of a realization that I have to make myself have over and over again, forgetting that church and God is really important in my life. ... I feel like when I go to church and stuff I definitely feel closer to her, because I feel like she's in heaven."

Kim says the documentary project reminded her she didn't need to push herself to "move on" from her mother's death.

"It's OK if you always grieve," she says. "In a way, realizing that also heals you too. That helped me a lot."

For many young people, says Dillof, loss becomes a rite of passage.

"They're really willing to use the experience of losing someone to step into adulthood. This is something that I think is unique to youth when they grieve. One student told us that he became a man the day he spoke at his girlfriend's funeral."

Both Dillof and Holland believe telling their stories can be a powerful force in the lives of young people. Now that "In Memoriam" is on display, they hope to continue helping youths record and reflect on their own experiences.

Under the auspices of the Community Project, a program that coordinates student support services at El Cerrito High, the pair is launching a larger effort called "The Youth Documentary Project," continuing the portrait and text format as a means of encouraging teenagers to explore important issues in their lives.

"Unless you give students the time and the space to reflect on what is really going on in their lives," says Holland, "you will never realize what they're dealing with. Some adults have no idea what these students are going through."



"IN MEMORIAM" is a photo exhibit that shows how students have handled the sudden loss of loved ones. The Community Project at El Cerrito High School lets students express their feelings by helping them to find words and create images of themselves. Marquitta Washington, above right with her mother, and Susan Kim, middle, at left, reflect on getting through pain.



THE PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT was created by Fay Dillof and Jeremiah Holland.

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a wire is live. You stick it
and it beeps if electric-
ity is running there. As Anet is
learning electricity and re-
sents not to be shocked
by it, finding out what's
what isn't is a most im-
portant first step.

Having decided to first install a
GFCI outlet in the bathroom (the
type that clicks off if there is water
present), she bought one of those,
also a few dimmer switches (both
single and double, I think) and a
couple of regular ones, and two
new convenience outlets.

Back at home, she got her
tools together: headband flash-
light (another Christmas gift she
requested a couple of years ago
for which she has found many
uses), screwdriver, pliers, and the
testing gadget. At the electrical
panel she read all the tiny labels
trying to figure out which circuit
the bathroom outlet was on,
found one, switched it, then con-
firmed that it was truly off.

She removed the old outlet,
peered at the wires (she called me
to come and see how old the wires
looked), wired the new one in
place, and turned the juice back
on. Triumph, it worked! But there
was a problem. The new GFCI was
just a smidgeon larger than the old
outlet and would not fit back into
the recess in the ceramic tile.

By great good fortune, our fire-
place man was at the house at
that moment cleaning the chimney,
and when he heard what the
problem was, he offered Anet the
use of a metal rasp, just the thing
to shave off the edges of the tile.
"Ah, an excuse to buy a new
tool," I told Anet. "You really must
have a rasp of your own."

And so Anet's first electrical in-
stallation was complete, and she
was pleased, and she moved
onto her next adventure, that



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sons why turning on a switch at
one end of a hallway doesn't
work if the switch at the other end
is turned off.

After only about an hour of in-
tensive discourse, Shaun left, and
Anet, very cheery, announced that
she was ready to begin her elec-
trical work. But first she needed
to buy supplies, so we went to
Home Depot. With rapt attention,
Anet moved along the electrical
material aisles gathering things
she'd need.

Again she was careful to make
sure that there was no current
flowing before she took apart the
switch, examined and replaced it,
but this time, her ministrations
failed. Apparently something else
was wrong, something that Anet
and Shaun had not covered in
that first lesson. She would need
further instruction and, perhaps,
Shaun at her side.

She'd already encountered another
situation that Shaun hadn't
thought to describe to her (some-
thing to do with tag wires she
said), and so she was anxious to
get more info.

Before another lesson could
be arranged, we were back at
Home Depot for something else,
and I took the opportunity to look
over the selection of books
they've got on electricity. Knowing
nothing at all about the subject, I
chose one with what I thought
were the best photos and instructions
in plainest English, and told
Anet she should have it.

We charged the book to our
company account, a business ex-
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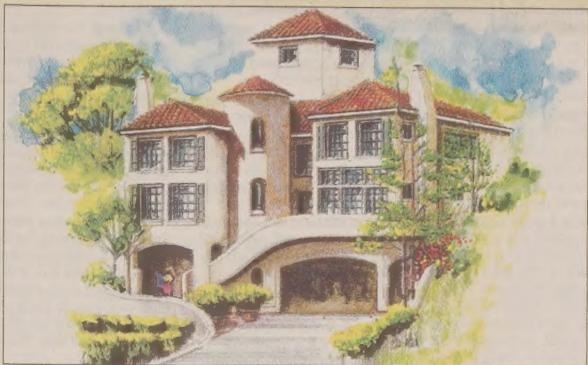
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more having to locate someone
to come fix it, come quick.

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California median home price up 20.2%

■ Sales post 20.9 percent
increase, compared to
December 2002

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The median price of existing
homes in California in December
increased 20.2 percent compared
to last December. Home sales rose
20.9 percent compared to the same
period a year ago, according to the
California Association of Realtors.

"Residential real estate ended
the year on a high note, with the
eighth best monthly sales volume
on record and the best December
sales since 1986," said C.A.R. Pres-
ident Toby Bradley. "The median
price of a single family home also
climbed to \$338,110, a new record
for the state."

Closed escrow sales of existing,
single-family detached homes in
California totaled 573,790 in De-
cember at a seasonally adjusted

annualized rate, according to infor-
mation collected by C.A.R. from
more than 90 local Realtor associa-
tions statewide. Statewide home
resale activity increased 20.9 per-
cent from the 474,490 sales pace
recorded in December 2001.

"Year-to-date sales of single-fam-
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The future of public art

Part two of two

The grounds around art museums are often chosen as the sites for large works of public art. In San Francisco, this tradition has had a controversial history. In 1994, the Legion of Honor Museum was offered a large metal sculpture by the much-touted San Francisco artist Richard Serra. This piece was to have been paid for by the late art philanthropist John Rosekranz. But since it would have been installed on public land, (in the middle of the traffic circle in front of the museum's main entrance) it first had to be approved in a set of public hearings by the city's Parks and Recreation Department.

Once photographs of Richard Serra's model for his sculpture were published, the proposed design caused an immediate public uproar. The piece looked like a giant lunch bag made out of rusted steel plates that had been creased down the middle and at the edges. The vast majority of public opinion was hostile to this project, (with good reason, in my view). In the end, the city insisted that Serra make changes to his proposed design, which he refused to do. So, this sculpture was never built.

Another large metal sculpture now occupies this space in front of the Legion of Honor. It was created in 1999 by Bay Area artist Mark di Suvero, and

is titled "Pax Jerusalem." This oddly named abstract metal sculpture looks like a group of giant, bright orange erector set pieces shoved together and stuck into the dirt and left there by some careless child. There was opposition to this piece at first, but the museum directors were determined to get this one installed, so the city let them have their way.

Nearby, on a staircase at the northeast corner of the Legion of Honor parking lot, world renowned artist George Segal created a piece called the Holocaust Memorial.

By the time this piece was created in the early 1990s, Segal (since deceased) was already famous for his life-sized casts of human figures done in white plaster. Both the artist's reputation, and the subject matter, ensured that this particular piece of public art would not meet with any serious opposition from the public.

Here in the East Bay, a very different type of public controversy doomed another piece of public art a few years after it had been installed. In downtown Concord, along a grassy meridian on a one-block stretch of a major shopping street, a very unusual metal sculpture was installed in the mid 1990's. It consisted of a row of dozens of giant metal rods, somewhat resembling super-sized knitting needles, stuck into the dirt at odd angles.



MARK WILSON
Owing A Piece of History

The design of this piece created some opposition when it was first proposed. But this opposition was not strong enough to prevent the completion of the project. However, an unforeseen side effect of mother nature was.

It seems these metal rods, which were intended to wave gently in the breeze, were so top heavy that they bobbed back and forth alarmingly in heavy winds.

Some Concord citizens began to call for this sculpture's removal on public safety grounds, but the city government refused at first. Finally, when a severe wind storm hit the Bay area during the 2000 millennium season, several of these giant rods fell down. The city then had them immediately removed, despite the protests of the artist and a few of his supporters that they could be made safe.

After the first part of this series was published, I got a call from one of my readers who suggested that I write in part two about the Emeryville Mud Fat sculptures. Those of us who live in the Bay Area in the

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Report

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last year," said C.A.R. Vice President and Chief Economist Leslie Appleton-Young. "We're on track for a record year in 2002, largely due to the lowest interest rates in decades and unprecedented demand for homes in California."

The statewide sales figure represents what the total number of homes sold during 2002 would be if sales maintained the December pace throughout the year. It is adjusted to account for seasonal factors that typically influence home sales.

The median price of an existing, single-family detached home in California during December 2002 was \$338,110, a 20.2 percent increase over the \$281,330 median for De-

cember 2001. C.A.R. reported. The December 2002 median price increased 3.2 percent compared to November 2002.

Highlights

■ C.A.R.'s Unsold Inventory Index for existing, single-family detached homes in December 2002 was 2.6 months, compared to 2.8 months for the same period a year ago. The index indicates the number of months needed to deplete the supply of homes on the market at the current sales rate.

■ Thirty-year fixed mortgage interest rates averaged 6.05 percent during December 2002, down from 7.07 percent in December 2001, according to the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. Adjustable mortgage interest rates averaged 4.12 percent in December 2002 compared to 5.23 percent in December 2001.

■ The median number of days it took to sell a single-family home was 28 days in December 2002, compared to 35 days for the same period a year ago.

The MLS median price and sales data for detached homes are generated from a survey of more than 90 California Realtor associations. MLS median price and sales data for condominiums are based on a survey of more than 60 associations. The median price for both detached homes and condominiums represents closed escrow sales.

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Does a condominium make a good investment?

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Not too many years ago, buying a condo was considered a compromise move. Condos are more affordable, particularly for first-time buyers who have a tough time breaking into the housing market. Until recently the cheap entry fee entitled you to apartment-style living, no yard to call your own and lackluster appreciation—not an attractive package to most home buyers.

This may be changing. According to the National Association of Realtors (NAR), condo appreciation outpaced single-family home price appreciation in the first half of 2002. During the second quarter, the median price of single-family homes rose 7.4 percent compared to the second quarter, 2001.

The median price of condos rose an impressive 14.7 percent. NAR expects condos to set a volume record in 2002.

Statistically, condos are looking like a better investment in some areas and for some home buyers. But, not all condos appreciate at the same rate. To ensure that you make a good investment, consider the following before you buy.

CONDO HUNTING TIP: Look for a condo that's in a development that has a high ratio of owner-occupants to renters. Some lenders won't lend on condos that have a high rate of ab-

sentee ownership. Also, owner occupants tend to be more concerned about keeping things going well in the development.

When you purchase a condo or townhouse, you obtain exclusive ownership rights to the interior space of your particular unit. But, you also own common areas—grounds, fences, shared walls and facilities—with the other homeowners.

You automatically become a part of a homeowner's association to which you pay dues. The dues cover the cost of maintaining and insuring the common areas. Precisely what the homeowner's dues cover will vary from one complex to the next, so find out exactly what's covered before you buy.

The homeowner's dues may help fund a reserve account to cover major expenses, like refurbishing common areas or replacing an elevator. Make sure to check a current financial statement for the association.

If the reserve account isn't flush enough to cover unanticipated expenses, the individual homeowner's could be accessed an additional amount to cover the expense.

This will add to your cost of ownership.

Find out if the dues have increased over time and by how much. Also find out if additional assessments have been levied against the homeowner's in the past. Be aware that with new products, the dues may be subject to change in the future.



DIAN HYMER
House Hunting

According to the National Association of Realtors (NAR), appreciation of single-family homes price appreciated in the first half of 2002.

Condos are governed by CC&Rs (Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions), which define your ownership rights. In some instances, the CC&Rs may require remodeling restrictions or may only want to buy the property if you can modify it in a way that is permitted, you should buy elsewhere.

Some condos provide some protection against buying elsewhere.

Read and understand CC&Rs and any other governing documents. Complete a purchase agreement. CC&Rs are hard to negotiate, feel overwhelmed by the process. Find an attorney with experience to review and interpret the documents for you.

It's usually best to bring in a condo agent to help you understand the homeowner's association involved in litigation. If there are any other associations that you might be involved with, avoid reading copies of documents from recent homeowner association meetings.

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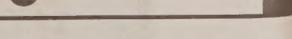
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World Savings and Loan offers three adjustable indices: the 11th District Fund Index (the CODI, 2.837 percent), World's Deposit Index (The CODI, 2.837 percent) and World's Savings Index (The COSI, 2.837 percent).

three are 12 month averages, and although rates change monthly, they are slowly moving up or down.

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and '80s have mostly fond memories of these spontaneous acts of public art, created by local artists. They were cut out of wood, wood, tree trunks, or other pieces of wood.

of the most popular works of this Flat art was one depicting Charles Schulz's character Snoopy, the Red Baron, or World War One planes.

of the most popular Mud Flat art was depicted the Charles character Snoopy chasing Baron in their World War One biplanes. Other sculptures included elephants, horses, lions, dragons, and various mythical and real life figures. Some of the sculptures proved to slowly disintegrate over time, and were kept in good condition by their creators or fans, others were replaced by new ones after a few years, primarily by the same artists.

unfortunately, the City of Berkeley and the California Arts Commission were unhappy with this collection of folk art at the edge of the Bay. Some officials argued that these sculptures might have a long-term negative impact on the environmental integrity of the land. Other officials were worried about possible liability risks for those who were creating the art and the occasional damage caused by the occasional vandals who would end up photographing the art. Eventually, the bureaucrats were able to get a court order to remove these sculptures recently by helicopters at

successful model for that has won the kudos of those who have seen it sit at the end of a traffic roundabout in Berkeley. The Marin County version is a replica of the one originally built in 1926 by Mason McDuffie Real Estate Company, when this site in Marin Avenue was part of a future state park. A fountain was de-

For example, on a \$300,000 loan at 2.95 percent, the less than interest only payment would be \$1257. The minimum payment is fixed for twelve months and can certainly increase a borrower's cash flow situation.

Literally, the borrower is using the equity in the property to help make the payment and the difference between the fully amortized payment and the less than interest only payment, can be substantial.

We have been watching the "Option ARM" for years. It's gotten a bad rap from those who do not understand its positives.

The borrower's second option would be the "Interest Only" payment. Based on the index plus the margin (the bank's profit), equals the fully indexed rate. If we are using the CODI, December's 2002 yield was 1.87 percent. Add a margin of about 3.25 and you get a fully indexed rate of 5.120 percent. Using simple interest the monthly payment for that \$300,000 loan goes up to



KAREN SENZIG
Mortgage Madness

\$1280 per month with no principal addition.

The borrower's third payment option would be the fully amortized, fully indexed payment of \$1633. The difference between the interest only payment and the fully amortized payment is \$353

per month. That difference is the amount of money paid towards the principal for the fully amortized payment.

The borrower's fourth option is my favorite. We have so many clients who do not qualify for a 15 year loan, especially borrowers who need to qualify as no income verification.

The lender allows "stated income" up to 75 percent loan to value (where you divide the loan

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signed by UC Berkeley architect John Galen Howard, and consisted of a ring of standing bears surrounding a Renaissance style fountain.

In the early 1970s, an out-of-control truck that had lost its breaks crashed into the fountain and demolished it. The site remained empty for about twenty years, until a group of preservationists and realtors from Mason McDuffie joined forces to raise money to recreate the old fountain in the mid 1990s.

Most of the money for the fountain itself was raised by private donations, and the city of Berkeley agreed, after input at public hearings, to pay for much

of the plumbing and landscaping costs.

The restored Marin Circle Fountain was finally rededicated in the late 1990s, and for the past several years it has been a source of pride and joy to passing motorists, local residents, and pedestrians alike.

One can only hope that in the future, there will be more works of public art created in this fashion, so that public support can be generated before a piece is installed, whether it is paid for entirely or only partly by public funds.

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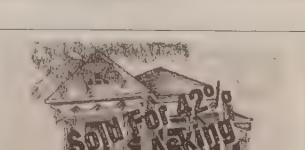
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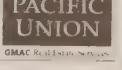
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In its seventh year, the series offers professional builders and remodelers workshops to sharpen their skills and review business practices and concepts essential to maintaining and growing a healthy construction company. Price for each daylong workshop is \$100 per participant, \$90 for NARI members. Price to attend both is \$180, \$165 for NARI members.

The first seminar, "Laying the Groundwork for a Successful Business" is tomorrow from 8:30 a.m.

to 4:30 p.m. Speakers and topics include:

- Eric Phillips "Construction Contracts: Beginning with the Basics"
- Mark Leininger, "Insurance: The Cost of Doing Business"
- Greg Stine, "Marketing Essentials for Builders;" and
- "Planning for Success" by Paul Winans, CR, Winans Construction, Inc. ■

The second seminar, "Strategies and Tactics to Build on Your Success" is Saturday, March 8.

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gins at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 11.
The location is the Garden Isle Com-
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SPRING WINE TOUR

The Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter will host a "Spring Wine Tour" plus 45 hours of DIRE credit. Study in advance and begin the day with a live review for continuing education. Then enjoy networking and the tour. One of the stops is the Ledson Estate "Castile"

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WHO'S ON FIRST

■ **Loan Officer Chuck Dempsey** is making a move. He is transferring from the Diablo Funding Group's San Ramon office to the Oakland Funding Group. He will

now hang his hat at the OFG office on Grand Avenue in Oakland. To say welcome to Oakland call **Dempsey** at 510-874-4210.

■ **Juanita Simon** recently celebrated her one-year anniversary as a Realtor. She is an associate with Coldwell Banker in Berkeley. Simon is also a member of the board at the Berkeley Association of Realtors. Happy Anniversary!

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Someone new at your company?

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Rockridge 2++ BD/1+ Bath traditional with吃食 den and downstairs family room; bright; fireplace & hardwood floors.
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Just walking distance to shops, restaurants & transportation. This charming home w/ landscaped front, side & rear yards is filled with traditional craftsman details. A large eat-in kitchen, refinished hardwood floors & full bath w/ claw foot tub are just a few characteristics of this cute home.
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A HOME IN THE HILLS \$335,000
Surprising space and quiet await you in the Richmond Hills. This bright & airy contemporary style home has a big backyard, lots of extra space! Serene hill views.
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NORTHRIDGE HILLS BEAUTY \$949,000
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HAVE IT ALL! \$818,000
Sophisticated 4/2 Westside rancher was totally remodeled to perfection by contractor/owner. Gorgeous pool and spa backs to rolling hills and has views of Mt. Diablo. Granite kitchen, inlaid hardwood floors, Anderson French doors, crown molding and state of the art lighting. Close to town! Price to sell!
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CUSTOM OPERA PLAZA CONDO \$270,000
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RARE FIND IN MORAGA RIDGE \$658,000
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FLAT HALF ACRE \$649,000
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CANYON LAKES VALUE \$549,000
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BEST VALUE IN PLEASANT HILL \$479,950
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ONLY 1 YEAR OLD \$439,000
4 BD / 2 1/2 BA. Just Like New.
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THIS HOUSE HAS IT ALL \$397,500
3 bedrooms, 2 remodeled baths. Remodeled kitchen, central heat and air, dual pane windows and slider. HWF, 5-year old roof. Huge fenced backyard, auto sprinklers in front & back. Newer garage door & opener. Just move in to this dream house!
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CHINA HILL FIXER \$368,000
Cute Bungalow Needs TLC Could be a Beauty fixed up. Best price for location 3BR / 1+. Garage, yard, seller motivated.
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SPACIOUS 3+BR \$375,000
plus bath 1920's craftsman. Yes, all the original buildings and woodwork still intact. Beautiful fireplace in the living room. Big landscaped yard perfect for summer barbecue parties. Over 1500 Sq. Ft.
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WEEKLY SALES

ALAMEDA

1316 9th St - \$275,000
 1202 Ballena Bl - \$499,000
 146 Brighton Rd - \$553,000
 2709 Central Av - \$299,000
 1036 College Av - \$570,000
 139 Diapian Bay - \$740,000
 3030 Fernside Bl - \$464,000
 106 Holly Oak Ln - \$429,000
 319 Laguna Vista - \$669,000
 14 Moss Pointe - \$858,000
 7 Ratto Rd - \$671,000
 2500 San Jose Av - \$452,000
 2101 Shoreline 223 - \$326,000
 16 Sunny Cove Cr - \$680,000
 1321 Webster D306 - \$130,000
 3305 Willis Ln - \$339,000
 1160 Windward Ln - \$425,000

ALBANY

416 Cornell Av - \$650,000
 626 Key Route Bl - \$550,000
 625 Madison St - \$465,000
 1116 Santa Fe Av - \$575,000
 633 Santa Fe Av - \$505,000

902 Solano Av - \$491,000
 938 Stannage Av - \$550,000

BERKELEY

2424 9th St #A - \$379,000
 1507 Addison St - \$373,000
 1741 Beverly Pl - \$700,000
 2316 Blake St #B - \$359,000
 2204 Bonar St - \$356,000
 1442 Campus Dr - \$662,000
 1622 Delaware St - \$665,000
 1824 Derby St - \$365,000
 2740 Derby St - \$1,175,000
 1126 Franciso St - \$459,000
 935 Grizzly Peak Bl - \$710,000
 2804 Hillgass 3 - \$260,000
 2812 Hillgass - \$240,000
 725 Neilson St - \$480,000
 2353 Oak St - \$722,000
 1403 Parker St - \$343,000
 1001 Sierra St - \$675,000
 1644 Visalia Av - \$628,500

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1708 Lexington 3 - \$240,000

1521 Norwell St - \$489,000
 133 Ramona Av - \$518,000
 413 Village Dr - \$380,000
 7320 Waldo Ln - \$519,000
 2628 Yuba Av - \$369,000

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1224 Deniclo St - \$365,000
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 5709 Nottingham Dr - \$225,000
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 2008 Thompson Ln - \$800,000

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133 Ardmore Rd - \$792,000
 275 Colusa Av - \$495,000
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313 105th Av - \$1,100,000
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2115 21st Av - \$230,000
 1934 22nd Av - \$289,000
 2234 25th Av - \$268,000
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 1635 86th Av - \$210,000
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 1007 Amito Dr - \$837,000
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Sales

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85 Fairview Av - \$995,000
 340 Howard Av - \$639,000
 957 Warfield Av - \$520,000

RICHMOND

17 13th St - \$217,500
 168 16th St - \$345,000
 626 16th St - \$172,000
 444 33rd St - \$248,000
 680 6th St - \$245,000
 1218 Battery St - \$242,000
 6221 Bernhard Av - \$360,000
 3161 Birmingham 211 - \$213,500
 4901 Buckboard Wy - \$435,000
 1501 Chanslor Av - \$365,000
 606 Commodore Dr - \$365,000
 806 Commodore Dr - \$445,000
 506 Deer Park Dr - \$489,000
 2000 Dunn Av - \$297,000
 1454 Monterey St - \$230,000
 5846 Park Av - \$360,000
 3330 Parkgate Ct - \$440,000
 6234 Plymouth Av - \$475,000
 25 Quail Hill Ln - \$330,000
 620 Rock Rose Wy - \$471,500
 628 Rock Rose Wy - \$453,000
 5148 Simoni Dr - \$435,000
 426 South 25th St - \$210,000
 260 South 35th St - \$220,000
 3630 Sunrise Ct - \$500,000
 5500 Sutter Av - \$295,000
 1611 Truman St - \$255,000
 4485 Utah Dr - \$332,000
 3742 Via Verdi - \$205,000
 2511 Virginia Av - \$125,000
 4716 Wall Av - \$249,000

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1019 Cumberland - \$380,000
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 15363 Farnsworth St - \$367,000
 2122 Harborview Dr - \$660,000
 1599 Hays St #201 - \$234,000
 569 Joaquin Av - \$393,000
 15222 Laverne Dr - \$373,000

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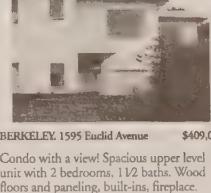
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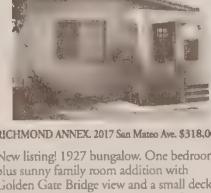
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KENSINGTON, 278 Lake Drive \$675,000



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MEDIAN PRICE: \$464,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$476,824

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 7
LOWEST PRICE: \$465,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$650,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$550,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$540,857

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 18

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1700 Orchard Av. - \$360,000
1250 Parrot Ct. - \$232,500
1250 Placer Dr. - \$430,000
71 Seagate Dr. - \$285,000
12 Superior Av. - \$362,500
10 Thomas Av. - \$475,000
12 Toler Av. - \$340,000
1250 Washington 102 - \$245,500
1250 Washington 305 - \$177,000

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HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,175,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$530,639

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TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: \$240,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$519,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$419,167

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TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$225,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$600,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$360,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$379,000

ELVERTON

TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$160,000

KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$441,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$792,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$495,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$576,000

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TOTAL SALES: 96
LOWEST PRICE: \$119,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,200,500

AVERAGE PRICE: \$445,708

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TOTAL SALES: 39
LOWEST PRICE: \$177,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$660,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$367,000
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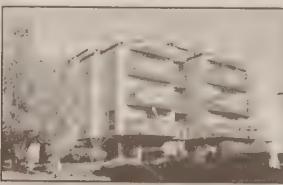
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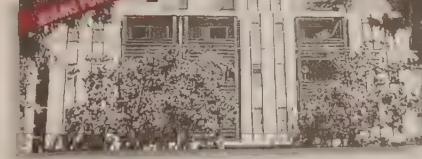


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Section C

Panthers simply too strong for Monarchs

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

an 11-point first-half deficit to take a 25-23 advantage early in the third quarter. But St. Mary's quickly regained control by going on a 25-point run.

"We had a let-up in the second quarter, but then we came out (at halftime), played some 'D,' and made them work for their shots," St. Mary's co-coach Sean Dulan said.

What took place on the court wasn't pretty, but it still generated plenty of excitement. St. Mary's plays an aggressive street-ball style that befuddled Holy Names most of the night.

"A lot of that is the fact that we're so young," Dulan said. "We try to get into people's faces and not foul. We figured we could do that against Holy Names."

"They play (their aggressive, physical style) very well," Holy Names coach Dennis Flannery said of the Panthers. "They do a very nice job of it. It's hard when you don't play a lot of teams that play this style."

St. Mary's (4-1, 12-6) looked as if it would blow Holy Names off the court by running to a 14-4 lead after one quarter. But the Monarchs came back. A Junai Dawson 3-pointer closed the gap to 20-17 with 1:10 left before half-time. At 53 seconds, Johana Padilla hit a pair of free throws

to close within one point. St. Mary's ultimately went into half-time with a 22-19 lead.

Holy Names looked to continue its comeback effort to start the second half. A pair of Dawson free throws knotted the score at 23-23 with 6:30 left in the third quarter. Seconds later, Chantelle Dynes scored off a steal to give the Monarchs their only lead, a short-lived 25-23 advantage.

Holy Names did not score again until Brittney Williams drove the paint for a layup with 1:27 left.

Holy Names had it in hands full with the Panthers' Shantrell Sneed, who finished with a game-high 25 points.

Sneed, however, was not alone in her domination, as fresh-

man Courtney Dunn was a force in the paint with nine points. Christina Johnson, another freshman, added six points.

Megan Leary finished with five points for the Panthers. Christina Thomas added a basket and Nicole Thompson, a former Holy Names player, had a free throw.

Natty Fripp started the game but did not figure in the scoring. Freshman point guard Sonjina Beam also did not score but recorded a couple assists and helped settle the offense.

"They get down two, then they decide to open it up a little bit, and they did," said Flannery. "That's a sign of the great basketball team that they are."

For Holy Names, Dawson

managed to break through the Panthers' pressing defense for 14 points, seven of them coming on free throws (Dawson had eight attempts from the foul line).

For the most part, though, the Monarchs were a subdued bunch.

"(St. Mary's) didn't do anything that we didn't expect them to do," Flannery said. "But you can't teach that aggressiveness and you can't recreate it in practice."

Padilla finished with six points. Dynes finished with three. Williams and Mawuli Ladzekpo added two points each.

The teams will play again at St. Mary's on Feb. 14. "Maybe then, we'll be ready for a little more pressure," Flannery said.

Coogler commits to Gaels

By Phil Jensen

STAFF WRITER

Ryan Coogler is sticking with a familiar name for his college career.

The St. Mary's High School wide receiver and defensive back said Monday that he has made an oral commitment to attend St. Mary's College next season on scholarship.

Coogler said he told new Gaels coach Vincent White of his intentions Saturday during an unofficial visit. Coogler said he had orally committed to the University of Pennsylvania as a corner back earlier this month, but changed his mind and chose St. Mary's.

"I made my decision when I sat down and talked with coach White (on Saturday)," said Coogler, a Richmond resident. "It was a combination of coach White and their strong science program and their location. It's close enough so my family can see me play. It was the fact that I could play wide receiver and I could come in and make an impact immediately. I could tell (White) was a sincere man."

Coogler, who earned a 3.78 grade point average last semester, is planning to major in biochemistry and pursue a medical career.

"They have a whole new science wing and (the science program) is really respected," Coogler said of St. Mary's.

In 2002, Coogler caught 19 passes for 367 yards and five touchdowns for the Panthers and was named first-team All-Bay Shore Athletic League as a wide receiver. The 16-year-old also took official visits to Harvard and Princeton.

BRIEFS

Mid-County Officials Network seeks umpires

The Mid-County Officials Network is seeking fastpitch softball and baseball umpires for its 2003 season for Little League softball/baseball and high school softball/baseball. Game fees range from \$37-\$54 per game. Games are played in Contra Costa, Alameda and Solano Counties. The season begins in March. For training packets and information call 510-301-2928.

Basketball camp

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Cal lacrosse team clinics

The Cal lacrosse team will be holding two clinics run by the coaching staff and members from the women's team at Maxwell Field on the Cal Campus. A developmental clinic will be held Feb. 15-16 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Feb. 17 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The advanced/team clinic will be held Feb. 15-16 from 2:30-7 p.m. and

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EL CERRITO'S Francesca Petroni, right, and Arden Bullard celebrate one of Petroni's two goals vs. Alameda on Tuesday. JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

Gauchos ride big second half to win

By Scott Strain

STAFF WRITER

A day after the girls soccer teams of Alameda High School and El Cerrito battled to a 1-1 tie on the Gauchos' home field, the two teams met again Tuesday at Thomas P. Field and the result was the same through one-half of play — 1-1.

But that was as good as it got for Alameda, as El Cerrito scored two goals in the second 40 minutes and came away with a big 3-1 victory.

The victory improved the Gauchos' record in the Alameda Contra Costa League to 7-2-1, five points behind Berkeley, which is 9-0-0 and has 27 points.

It was the second league loss for Alameda (5-2-2) which now sits in fourth place with 17 points.

"We were tired, but I told them this was a game that would test how good we are," El Cerrito coach Robert Sackey said. "I wanted them to play a little bit

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better. Just hang in there and go a notch up. And they did that.

"Yesterday (Monday) was the first time we had played them (the Hornets) and we didn't know their strengths. We had a better idea of what would work today."

The Hornets had several good opportunities in the early going, with Gabby Assayag's free kick going right to El Cerrito goalkeeper Jenya Jawad at six minutes. Ashley Omphroy had a long run down the sideline a minute later, but her kick was wide.

El Cerrito senior Elisabeth Morrison had shots at 16 and 19 minutes, her first effort sailing over the Alameda goal. But she scored the first goal of the game at 22 minutes when she converted off a corner kick with an assist from Rachel Kucera.

The Hornets tied the match at 1-1 at 31 minutes. Cameron Stewart scored from 10 yards with an assist from Addie Gay. The scoring sequence was set up by Omphroy.

Alameda goalkeeper Kelly Marshall had a couple of nice saves in the waning minutes of the first, and Hornets Marisa Green and Samantha Travis had shots go over the El Cerrito net.

Monday

El Cerrito 1, Alameda 1

Alameda	1	1	—	1
El Cerrito	1	0	—	1

Scoring: Brittany Sims (EC) assisted by Rachel Kucera 15:00. Ashley Omphrey (A) assisted by Patricia Adgar 32:00. Savers: Kelly Marshall (A) 9. Jenya Jawad (EC) 8. Records: El Cerrito 9-3-2, 8-2-1 ACCAL. Alameda 5-1-2 ACCAL

Tuesday

El Cerrito 3, Alameda 1

El Cerrito	1	2	—	3
Alameda	1	0	—	1

Scoring: Elizabeth Morrison (EC) assisted by Rachel Kucera 22:00. Cameron Stewart (A) assisted by Patricia Adgar 31:00. Francesca Petroni (EC) assisted by 10:00 Petroni (EC) unassisted 78:00. Savers: Jenya Jawad (EC) 10. Kelly Marshall (A) 7. Records: El Cerrito 10-3-2, 7-2-2 ACCAL. Alameda 5-2-2 ACCAL

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Team play fuels El Cerrito's 10-game streak

By Phil Jensen

STAFF WRITER

The El Cerrito High School boys basketball team quietly has built quite a winning streak.

The last time the Gauchos lost was before Christmas, a 70-60 setback to McClymonds on Dec. 21. Since then, El Cerrito has rattled off 10 straight victories, including six straight in Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League play and scored three goals a span of 10 minutes.

"The biggest thing is that the players are starting to understand their roles and are moving from thinking in terms of individual play to thinking and acting in terms of team play," said El Cerrito coach Brent Daniels. "The concept of

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team play — the players are embracing it and enjoying it."

El Cerrito (15-3, 6-0 ACCAL) has spread around its scoring this season, as five players average 8.4 points per game or more. Leading the way is senior Jerryck Owens-Murrey with 15.6 points per game, followed by senior Tita Davis (14.8 ppg), senior Joseph Fort (11.7 ppg), senior Russell Murrey (8.9 ppg) and junior Patrick Mitchell (8.4 ppg).

The Gauchos also have an inside presence this season. The 6-foot-5 Owens-Murrey and 6-6

Murrey, a pair of transfers from Salesian, patrol the paint, as does the 6-3 Fort.

Davis gives the Gauchos a top-flight outside threat, as he has made 42 3-pointers already this season. That mark is one of the best in the region.

El Cerrito also has an experienced squad, as eight of the 11 players on the roster had varsity experience entering this season.

"Defensively this year, we're really focused on working on proper positioning in a man-to-man system," Daniels said. "We look to modify our fast break so we can look for mismatches offensively."

Daniels points to the Red Brown Tournament at Sir Francis

Drake-San Anselmo on Dec. 12-14 as a key to the team's success so far this season. The Gauchos won the championship, 62-49 over previously undefeated Drake.

Owens-Murrey was named the most valuable player of the tournament, while Davis and Mitchell earned all-tournament honors.

"The Drake tournament was a big confidence-builder for us," Daniels said. "That's when we really made a commitment to share the basketball and win as a team."

Now the Gauchos are concentrating on the ACCAL season and possibly unseating Berkeley and Pinole Valley as league champions. The Gauchos travel to face the Yellow Jackets today at 4 p.m.

Enchanting chantey

■ Sailors songs of the 19th century come to life at area chantey sings. Page C3

It's showtime

■ Capsule reviews and starting times are your guide to going to the movies. Page C4

Theater

■ A trio of current community stage productions are well worth catching. Page C3

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
1.	Oakland Tech	13-4	Bulldogs dispose of McClymonds 85-73 in battle of OAL unbeaten
2.	Amador Valley	17-2	Dons get another road test on Friday when they travel to Foothill
3.	Bishop O'Dowd	16-1	Mike Phelps becomes state's winningest coach with Tuesday's victory
4.	Berkeley	15-2	Hosts ACCAL showdown with El Cerrito on Friday
5.	De La Salle	12-5	Shakes scare at Deer Valley with wins over Pittsburg and Ygnacio Valley
6.	Newark Memorial	15-4	Cougars looking to finish perfect January
7.	Oakland	15-3	Gets back in OAL groove with 60-54 defeat of Skyline
8.	Dublin	12-5	In DFAL driver's seat as Northgate heads into tough part of schedule
9.	El Cerrito	15-3	Extends win streak to 10 games with wins over De Anza and Pinole Valley
10.	California	11-7	Grizzlies defense held Monte Vista to just 24 points on Tuesday

Others receiving votes: Foothill (15-3), Mt. Eden (15-1), Salesian (13-6), San Leandro (11-5).

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
1.	Piedmont	17-2	Highlanders improve to 5-0 in BSAL with win over Kennedy
2.	Amador Valley	13-4	Dons roll past Granada 76-37
3.	Kennedy	18-2	Eagles to battle St. Mary's on Monday
4.	Berkeley	12-5	Yellow Jackets slip past Reno 60-57 in nonleague game
5.	Carondelet	15-2	Cougars still the team to beat in BVAL
6.	Moreau Catholic	14-2	Mariners knock off Bishop O'Dowd 39-35
7.	Bishop O'Dowd	15-2	Dragons drop second game of season with loss to Moreau Catholic
8.	Oakland Tech	12-7	Bulldogs trounce McClymonds 80-20 in OAL game
9.	Miramonte	11-6	Matadors beat Northgate 52-41 to remain undefeated in DFAL
10.	Alameda	14-3	Hornets slip past Pinole Valley 61-58

Others receiving votes: Castlemont (12-5), James Logan (11-6). Records through Tuesday.

ACCAL

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The match remained scoreless until the 54th minute when Ahmad Hatife finally figured out the Gauchos defense. He led a breakaway down the right wing and beat El Cerrito goalkeeper Michael Gonzalez for a 1-0 lead.

Chris Dahl added some insurance 26 minutes later to cap the victory, and help put the Alameda and De Anza in a tie for third place at 19 points to start the week.

On the girls side, Berkeley remains on top of the mountain with a 4-0 shutout win over Encinal to stay undefeated in league play.

Four players scored for Berkeley and goalkeeper Sara Corrigan-Gibbs needed only two saves to preserve the win.

Hercules added a little extra cushioning between itself and the league cellar with a 1-0 over De Anza.

The Titans notched the match's only goal in the 21st minute when Jen Cadet launched a long ball for Erica Martin, who blasted a shot past Dons goalkeeper Nicole Lawrence.

Basketball

The Hercules boys basketball team needed two overtime periods to defeat Encinal 89-87 on Tuesday.

The Jets took a 34-28 advantage at the half. But the Titans battled back in the second half, outscoring Encinal 42-36 to force the extra periods. Both teams scored just eight points in the first OT, but an 11-point second OT put the Titans on top to stay.

Encinal's Brian Kindem led

both teams with 27 points followed by teammate Danny Dozier with 26. For the Titans, Harry Brown scored 26 points and pulled down 11 rebounds.

The El Cerrito girls basketball team outlasted Pinole Valley 48-45 on Tuesday.

The game was tight from the start as Pinole Valley took a 20-16 lead at the break. But the Gauchos outscored the Spartans 22-15 in the third quarter to pull ahead for good.

Melissa Stallworth and Jordan McCormick each led the Gauchos with 12 points. Defensively, Analiese McGrew registered 18 rebounds, five steals and two blocked shots.

For the Spartans, Jontelle Smith scored 17 points, and Cheri Miller followed with 14 points to go with her 12 rebounds.

Martha Reyes scored at 60 minutes for the only goal. Rocío Barajas had 10 saves for Kennedy.

The Eagles then defeated John Sweet 4-3 on Jan. 24 as Reyes had a hat trick. Socorro Mendoza scored the other goal for the Eagles and had two assists.

BOYS BASKETBALL: The big game in the BSAL takes place tonight when Kennedy travels to Alameda to take on St. Joseph Notre Dame. The Eagles (8-11, 5-1) have overcome a horrendous 3-10 nonleague slate and currently hold a half-game lead over the Pilots and Salesians, both at 4-1.

Both teams are coming off Tuesday victories. Kennedy knocked off St. Elizabeth 73-49 in Richmond as Devin Peal, the region's leading scorer, had 28 points and Devereaux Vanzant had 23. St. Joseph defeated St. Patrick 47-29 at home as Cameron Quick scored 13 points.

Game time for this BSAL big-

gie is 7 p.m.

CHATMAN WINS HONOR: Former Kennedy basketball player Deidra Chatman, now a freshman at the University of Virginia, earned Atlantic Coast Conference co-Rookie of the Week honors for the week of Jan. 20 with North Carolina's LaTangela Atkinson.

Chatman came off the bench and provided support for the Cavaliers' ACC victories over Georgia Tech and Maryland. Against Georgia Tech on Jan. 16, Chatman had a career-high 11 points, a career-high five rebounds and blocked two shots in 16 minutes of action.

Against Maryland on Jan. 19, she scored four points and had three rebounds while blocking a career-high three shots. In 13 games, the 6-foot-6 center has averaged 2.2 points and 1.5 rebounds per game.

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Umpiring clinic

■ The Piedmont Baseball-Softball Foundation will hold a training session for umpires from 1-4 p.m. in the Piedmont Middle School multipurpose room on Sunday, Feb. 2. The clinic is open to everyone 13 and older. Baseball and softball games will take place in spring. All umpire assignments will be in Piedmont. Call 835-2556.

Rowing

The Oakland Strokes offer one of the premier junior rowing programs in the nation, giving high school boys and girls opportunities to learn rowing and to compete at club, regional, national and international levels. Contact the club via e-mail at membership@oaklandstrokes.org

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ON DECK

Prep boys basketball

El Cerrito at Berkeley, 4 p.m. today — There is only one-half game separating the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League-leading Gauchos and the Yellow Jackets entering this anticipated game.

Salesian at St. Mary's, 7 p.m. today — The two rivals face each other for the only time during the regular season.

St. Mary's at Kennedy, 7 p.m. Monday — After tough matchups on Friday, the situation doesn't get any easier for these two teams.

Prep girls basketball

Kennedy at St. Mary's, 7 p.m. Monday — A must-win for both teams if they want to have a chance to catch Piedmont in the regular season.

JC men's basketball
Contra Costa at Diablo Valley, 7

p.m. Tuesday — The Comets, who beat Marin 69-59 on Tuesday, will take on the Vikings, who suffered their first loss of the season Tuesday to Santa Rosa.

Boys soccer

St. Mary's at Kennedy, 3:30 p.m. today — The Panthers could use an upset of the BSAL-leading Eagles to climb back into the title hunt.

De Anza at Berkeley, 5 p.m. Thursday — The Yellow Jackets, who tied the Dons 0-0 on Jan. 25, will try to break the deadlock.

Girls soccer

Pinole Valley at Berkeley, 5 p.m. Tuesday — The Spartans will try to knock the Yellow Jackets from the ACCAL unbeaten ranks.

Albany at Berean Christian, 3:30 p.m. today — The Cougars, fresh off a 2-1 win over Salesian, will aim for a 2-1 win over the Eagles, who lost to Piedmont 6-1 on Wednesday.

Stars of the week

Simon Knight, St. Mary's basketball — Knight scored in a 67-36 win over Piedmont in a 55-47 victory over.

Brandon Hinchee, Albany football — Hinchee went 10-0 in 22 points and added 100 yards in the 55-47 loss to St. Joseph.

Anaiese McGrew, El Cerrito girls basketball — McGrew produced a triple-double at Pinole Valley, as she scored 15 points, grabbed 15 rebounds and seven steals.

Joy White, Berkeley girls basketball — White sank three 3-pointers in the fourth quarter to help lead the Yellow Jackets to a 56-48 win over Pinole Valley. White finished with 13 points.

Carrie McCormick, El Cerrito girls basketball — McCormick registered 18 points, 10 rebounds and 5 assists in a 55-47 win over Pinole Valley.

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Multimedia Notes

up the reality world,
want to get off

THIS IS THE leaden age of "reality" TV. Every time you turn on the networks have reached the bottom of the barrel, the barrel gets deeper — as the curatorial crop of "dating-reality" shows proves.

One of the worst offenders is "Meet My Parents," Monday-night "Meet My Parents," which is even worse than the megahyped "Joe Millionaire." The network calls this latelate-night catch-a-man "fun" and "light-hearted." All effect "energetic."

Family genealogy: Fox's "Who Wants to Marry a Millionaire?" began ABC's "The Bachelor," which spawned Fox's current day-night hit, "Joe Millionaire," as well as ABC's dim "The Bachelor." "Meet My Folks," a summertime hit that's returned, is a hybrid of "The Bachelor" and the mediocre 2000 "Meet the Parents," with a twist and all. Ugh.

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NOW PLAYING

Below are capsule reviews of movies playing at area theaters. The reviewers are Mary F. Pols, Times; Robert W. Butler and Chris Hewitt, Knight Ridder Newspapers; Glenn Lovell, San Jose Mercury News; Anthony Breznican, David Germain, Christy Lemire, Tim Molloy, Sheila Norman-Culp, Jocelyn Novack, Ben Nuckles, Malcolm Ritter and Matt Wolf, Associated Press; Bruce Westbrook, Houston Chronicle; Jan Stuart, Newsday; Stephen Holden, Dave Kehr, Elvis Mitchell, A.O. Scott and Lawrence Van Ginder, New York Times; Evan Henerson, Valerie Kuklenski, Fred Shuster, Bob Strauss and Glenn Whipp, Los Angeles Daily News; Manohla Dargis, Kevin Thomas and Kenneth Turan, Los Angeles Times; Nancy Churnin, Gary Dowell, Charles Ealy, Tom Mautz, Chris Vognar and Philip Wintch, Dallas Morning News; Christopher Kelly and Robert Philpot, Fort Worth Star-Telegram; and Roger Moore, Orlando Sentinel; Joe Bataille, Sacramento Bee; Ann Hornaday and Stephen Hunter, Washington Post.

"ABOUT SCHMIDT": If you love Jack Nicholson, seeing Alexander Payne's ("Electoral") dark and rather mournful comedy should be high on your list. It features the actor in a state of mind in which we rarely see him: vulnerable, soul-searching and compromising in a way that ordinary people must often be. He is Nebraskan Warren Schmidt, recently retired and widowed, and realizing how futile his life has been. Only one means to salvation: Stop his daughter (Hope Davis) from marrying a doofus waterbed salesman (Dermot Mulroney). — M. Pols. (R: language and brief nudity.) 2 hours, 4 minutes. A

"ADAPTATION": This latest collaboration from director Spike Jonze and screenwriter Charlie Kaufman, the "Being John Malkovich" team, is a heady, happy jumble of thought and storytelling, an insane comic undertaking that ultimately coheres into a sane and breathtakingly creative film. Ostensibly, it's about adapting Susan Orlean's book, "The Orchid Thief," to film, with Nicolas Cage doing double duty as the tortured screenwriter and his more successful twin brother. Add to this Meryl Streep as the author, doing shockingly un-Streepian things, and an Oscar-worthy performance by Chris Cooper ("Lone Star"). — M. Pols. (R: language, sexuality, some drug use and violent images.) 1 hour, 52 minutes. A

"A GUY THING": Another youthful sex farce with only glimmers of cleverness. There are three decent-enough performances by Jason Lee

OPENING TODAY

"BIKER BOYZ" (PG-13)

Contemporary Western set in the world of underground motorcycle racing. Laurence Fishburne plays the undisputed champ; Derek Luke (from "Antwone Fisher") is the new prodigy on the scene.

"FINAL DESTINATION 2" (R)

In this sequel to "Final Destination," a young girl begins having premonitions of death. When her friends start dying, she seeks out the lone survivor of the first movie for advice.

"THE GURU" (R)

A comedy about a young Indian immigrant (Jimi Mistry) who moves to New York, where he meets a lovely pornstar (Heather Graham) and a socialite (Marisa Tomei), who believes he's a fa-

as groom-to-be Paul, Selma Blair as his society-girl fiancée Karen, and Julia Stiles as Becky, the girl who comes between them. Paul meets Becky at his bachelor party and wakes up the next morning with missing memories and Karen sleeping naked beside him. He gives her the bum's rush just before Karen drops by, and figures that's that. But disturbingly, Paul keeps bumping into Becky. They are both surprised to find that Becky is cousin to the bride. It all climaxes at the wedding, as any movie that hopes to make money nowadays would. — B. Strauss. (PG-13: adult situations, language, violence, drug use.) 1 hour, 41 minutes. C

"ANTWONE FISHER": Good Will Hunting joins the Navy in this real-life story of a troubled but admirable young man who finds his better self with the help of the troubled but well-meaning psychiatrist he is ordered to see. It's formulaic and idealized, but there is real heart beneath this story's thick shellacking of lost man-child sensitivity. The fact that the real Antwone Fisher wrote the screenplay and that first-time feature director Denzel Washington can marshal his troops just as well as he deploys his own prodigious acting talents contribute mightily to this pleasing result. — B. Strauss. (PG-13: language, violence, children in jeopardy.) 1 hour, 57 minutes. B

"BOWLING FOR COLUMBINE": Just hours before they killed a dozen classmates and a teacher at Columbine High School, Eric Harris

and Dylan Klebold went bowling. Was there a connection? Is it logical to blame the sport or, for that matter, any single thing for America's violent nature? "Bowling for Columbine" doesn't have the answers, and really doesn't expect to find them. For documentary writer-director Michael Moore, the asking is what's important. — K. Turan. (R: some violent images and language.) 1 hour, 59 minutes. B

"CATCH ME IF YOU CAN":

Director Steven Spielberg has pulled off a neat feat, with two cool movies in one year. He's likely to get more praise for the darkly futuristic "Minority Report," but the pleasure is all ours in this fleet-footed treat, based on a true story. Leonardo DiCaprio plays Frank Abagnale Jr., who began his career as a con artist as a teen in the '60s. With Tom Hanks as the workaholic FBI man who pursues him through bogus identities as a doctor and Pan Am pilot. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual content and brief language.) 2 hours, 20 minutes. A-

"CHICAGO": Why was it that Hollywood stopped making movie musicals? Who decided we shouldn't leave a theater humming that catchy tune, fighting the urge to tap dance our way across the lobby? "Chicago" is the kind of uplifting, exhilarating movie that makes you ask these questions. Vastly talented Renee Zellweger even manages to upstage diva Catherine Zeta-Jones in this tawdry tale, originally based on true-crime cases and later made into a Broadway musical. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sex-

ual content and dialogue, violence and thematic elements.) 1 hour, 53 minutes. A

"CITY OF GOD":

Fernando Meirelles' scorching anecdotal history of violence in the slums of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, traces the decline of a neighborhood, Cidade de Deus (City of God), from a sun-baked shantytown where children while away the days in soccer games and petty thievery into a shadowy slum teeming with armed adolescent warriors. The portrait of a boy soldier enlisting in a volunteer criminal army with an astronomical mortality rate is one of the movie's many profoundly unsettling images. Adapted from a best-selling novel by Paulo Lins, who grew up in Cidade de Deus. Its narrator, Rocket (Alexandre Rodrigues), is a young photographer from the same neighborhood, whose loose-jointed yarns follow the fates of a number of his childhood acquaintances. — S. Holden. (R: scenes of violence and graphic sex talk.) 2 hours, 10 minutes. A-

"CONFESSIONS OF A DANGEROUS MIND":

Affection for Chuck Barris is not a prerequisite, thankfully. Even those who despised the creator and host of the monotonously grating 1970s hit "The Gong Show" may get caught up in the merry pace of George Clooney's directorial debut, an adaptation of Barris' autobiography, which "revealed" he had a second, secret career as a contract killer for the CIA. Sam Rockwell is excellent as Barris, Drew Barrymore the bee's knees as his girlfriend, and Clooney and Julia Roberts are fine in peripheral roles. The movie whizzes by in a whirl of smart comedy and snappy visual styles Clooney borrows from his past directors, but it bugs down in its refusal to make any judgments about Barris. Hanging out in the middle of the road, no matter how good the scenery, eventually gets dull. — M. Pols. (R: for language, sexual content and violence.) 1 hour, 53 minutes. B

"DARKNESS FALLS":

Here's a film that gives B-movies a bad name. Long ago, in the town of Darkness Falls, an old woman gave gold coins to children in exchange for their baby teeth, earning her the nickname Tooth Fairy. When a couple of children go missing, the old woman is lynched by the townspeople, and her ghost has haunted the place ever since. Flash-forward to the present, as we meet Kyle Walsh (Chaneey Cleary), a young man who once saw the ghost and lived to tell about it. Kyle returns to Darkness Falls when his childhood sweetheart (Emma Caulfield), seeks his help — her little brother is

plagued by the same night terrors as that Kyle once had, and may be a target of the Tooth Fairy. — G. Dowell. (PG-13: language, violence.) 1 hour, 15 minutes. D

"FAR FROM HEAVEN": Perhaps only one filmmaker a year finds a new way to make our mouths hang open. This year, it is writer/director Todd Haynes, who bravely attacks our enmity with the last weapon we might have expected, a Douglas Kirk-style overwrought melodrama right out of the repressed 1950s, complete with a Technicolor palette and a cheesy musical score. Julianne Moore stars as a gracious Connecticut housewife who discovers that her loving husband (Dennis Quaid) is actually gay. A blast of air, albeit deliberately stagnant, up the skirts of the moviegoing public. — M. Pols. (PG-13: mature thematic elements, sexual content, brief violence and language.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. A

"GANGS OF NEW YORK":

For 30 years, Martin Scorsese has longed to take us back to the days when New York City was the dangerous home of warring immigrants. The director's passionate and laudable intent is to show young America at its most elemental, boiling over with bigotry and resentments, free of the idealistic gloss fiction often gives us history. It's unfortunate, then, that "Gangs" — based on a semi-journalistic cult book — never pulses with real life. Plenty of veins get sliced open, but there's no sense that the blood pouring forth actually comes from a human being. Daniel Day Lewis steals the show as Bill the Butcher, head of one gang, far outshining Leonardo DiCaprio as leader of the other. — M. Pols. (R: for language, sexual content and violence.) 2 hours, 45 minutes. B

"THE LION KING":

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"THE LORD OF THE RINGS: TWO TOWERS":

The second of director Peter Jackson's screen adaptation of J.R.R. great trilogy is as intense as last year's "Fellowship." Jackson weaves together three storylines, taking as his centerpiece to which Tolkein devotes a dozen or so pages — the decision to defend Helm's Deep. It's a choice, one of the most scenes ever filmed. The effects, most notably the computer-generated creature Gollum, by Andy Serkis, with the unfortunate exception of the two, who look like they're about to go to sleep. — M. Pols. (PG-13: battle sequences and some disturbing images, brief language.) 1 hour, 53 minutes. A

"JUST MARRIED":

Ashton Kutcher plays Tom Lyle, a goofy, middle-class young man trying to win the heart of a rich girl named Sarah (Brittany Murphy) and the respect of her snooty family. The movie begins with the breakup of Tom and Sarah's marriage — and then flashes back to tell

the story of how they met. love. It's a Jerry-built tale, steals us from other, better movies. Once Tom and Sarah are honeymoon, the film picks up steam, but, even at its best, it's mildly amusing. — C. Kelly sexual content, crude humor, references.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. F

"KANGAROO JACK":

Rip, here comes a rapping Charlie (Jerry O'Connell) (Anthony Anderson), two from Brooklyn, end up in Australian Outback when the tally infarcted Charlie's son, boss stepfather, Sal (Chris Walken). To try to get better graces, they go to an Australian, and hops off with Sal's son, Charlie and Louis pursue

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heroine Marisa's (Jamie Lee Curtis) secret is that she's a h

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FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Showtimes for Friday January 24

Alameda County

Act 1 and 2
2126 Center Street, Berkeley 510-843-3456
•**Bowling for Columbine** (R) 7: 9:45
•Talk to Her (R) 7: 10: 15.

Albany Twin

1100 Solaro Ave, Albany 510-843-3456

•**The Planter** (R) 10: 45, 1: 45, 5: 15

•Rabbit-Proof Fence

11: 30, 2: 40, 7: 7: 15, 7.

AMC Bay Street 16

5514 Shellmound St, Emeryville 510-457-4822

•25th Hour (R) 1: 10, 3: 30, 4: 30, 6: 30, 7: 45, 9:15

•Adaptation (R) 1: 05, 4, 7: 10, 9:55

•Antwone Fisher (1: 15, 4: 15, 7: 15, 10: 05)

•Catch Me If You Can (1: 40, 5: 7, 8: 10, 10: 15)

•Chicago (1: 15, 2: 15, 4, 5, 7: 05, 8: 15, 10, 11: 05)

•Darkness Falls (PG-13) 2: 20, 4: 25, 5: 45, 5: 50, 6: 15, 7: 45, 8: 15, 10: 15, 11: 15

•Gangs of New York (R) 1: 10, 4: 15, 8: 15

•The Hours (PG-13) 1: 30, 2: 30, 4: 10, 5: 15, 7: 8, 9:45, 10:45

•The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13) 1: 25, 4: 45, 6: 30, 8: 10, 10:15

•Two Weeks Notice (1: 50, 2: 25, 7: 25, 9:30)

•The Wild Thornberrys Movie (PG) 1:25, 4:20

California Theatre

2113 Kitchell Drive, Berkeley 510-843-3456

•25th Hour (R) 1: 4, 7: 9:45

•About Schmidt (R) 1: 15, 4: 15, 7: 15, 9:45

•Darkness Falls (PG-13) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30

Chabot Space & Science Center

10000 Skyline Blvd, Oakland 510-336-7300

•The Human Body (NR) 11:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30

•The Living Sea (Not Rated) 3:30, 5:30

•Mysteries of Egypt (Not Rated) 2:30, 4:30

•To Be an Astronaut (Not Rated) 10:30

Elmwood 3

2966 College Ave, Berkeley 510-849-0530

•Punch-Drunk Love (R) 9:15

•Real Women Have Curves (PG) 7:

•Rivers and Tides (Not Rated) 5:10, 7:15, 9:15

•Standing in the Shadows of Motown (PG) 4:50, 6:45

•Tully (Not Rated) 4:55, 7:05

Fine Arts Cinema

2451 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley 510-848-1143

•The Beginning And The End (Not Rated) 7:45

•The Fishers of Dar (Not Rated) 7

Renaissance Grand Lake

3200 Grand Ave, Oakland 510-452-3556

•About Schmidt (R) 1: 4, 15, 7: 9:45

•Catch Me If You Can (1: 15, 3:15, 6:30, 9:30)

•Confessions of a Dangerous Mind (R) 11:45, 2: 40, 7:15, 9:45

•The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13) 12, 4, 7:45

Jack London Stadium

100 Washington, Oakland 510-433-1320

•Antwone Fisher (10:50, 1:30, 4:10, 6:50, 9:35)

•Catch Me If You Can (PG-13) 2:30, 3:35, 6:40, 9:45

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Renaissance Orinda Theatre

4040 Theatre Sq, Orinda 925-254-9060

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Renaissance Park Theatre

3519 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette 925-283-7997

•Nicholas Nickleby (PG) 2, 5, 8

Central Contra Costa

10000 Skyline Blvd, San Leandro 510-222-4262

•The Hours (PG-13) 2:05, 5, 7:45, 10:35

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•Kangaroo Jack (PG) 1:10, 2:15, 5, 7:30, 9:30

•National Security (PG-13) 2:10, 4:50, 7:15, 9:45

•Two Weeks Notice (PG-13) 1:20, 4:35, 7:25, 9:50

•Nicholas Nickleby (PG) 2, 5, 8

Bridge Theatre *

3010 Geary Blvd, San Francisco 415-352-0818

•Nicholas Nickleby (PG) 2, 5, 8, 10:30

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Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$8-10. Information: 848-6370.

■ Let's Swing and jitterbug: 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. Intermediate, four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four classes.

Community

■ The Apollo Theater Amateur Night on Tour takes place at 8 p.m. Jan. 31, at UC Berkeley Zellerbach Hall. The audience will be treated to the entertainment of talent and Capone, Apollo Amateur Night co-hosts and New York Kings of Comedy/Def Jam comedians: C.P. Lacey, and Monique from TV's "The Parkers." Admission: \$20, \$30 and \$40. Call 510-642-9988 for more information or to charge by phone; or visit the Web site at www.calperfs.berkeley.edu; tickets may also be purchased at the door.

■ Berkeley Neighborhood Computers, a non-profit organization, provides high-value and high-demand computer technology training for disadvantaged and at-risk individuals. The organization uses computers and networking equipment to be used for training purposes. All donations are tax deductible. Details: 845-1226 or bnc@bnc.netvalley.net.

■ Berkeley Camera Club meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Share slides and prints, learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. Details: 525-3565.

■ TOPS (Take Pounds Off Sensibly) Chapter CA 1294 is now meeting from 7:15-8:30 p.m. every Thursday evening at Mira Vista UCC Church, 7075 Cutting Blvd. TOPS is a non-profit organization assisting men and women in weight control. Details: Betty Coates at 235-0490.

■ Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. To sign up for an appointment leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anna Levine has a background in Design and Education. For the past 10 years, she has assisted in producing numerous resumes as part of her desktop publishing business. Call 848-6370.

■ Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. Register: 648-8736.

■ Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. Details: 542-0808.

■ Overeaters Anonymous meet Fridays at 1:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2—the child-care room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively? Details: 525-5231.

■ Toastmasters, it do now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice—Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave., Alameda; 833-6708 for details.

■ Civil Rights activists need. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington. P.O. Box 1141, Berkeley, CA, 94701.

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■

"Psychic Healing" clinic; 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief. 800-642-9355.

■

"Smart project"; the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8902 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive treatment at existing treatment programs.

■

"The Edible Schoolyard," an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335.

■

"English-in-Action" lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a foreign UC scholar/student for one hour a week. YWCA, at Berkeley. Call 843-9716.

■

"Women's Daytime Drop-In Center in Berkeley"; serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For details call 466-5663.

Exhibits

■ "Mostly Abstract: Watercolors" by Pamela Markmann, an exhibit of over 30 paintings, continues through February 28, at the Alta Bates Community Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave. Markmann has exhibited locally and nationally for 40 years. Her themes, related to nature, are revealed in watercolor, ink, pencil, and wax crayon paper. For more information, call 510-526-4613.

■

"The Giorgi Gallery," 2911 Claremont Ave., Berkeley, continues its solo show for East Bay artist Jeffrey Levitt through Feb. 16. The show entitled "Flight" consists of oil paintings and works on paper. Gallery hours: Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 510-848-1228.

■

"UC Berkeley's Graduate School of Journalism, Center for Photography," presents an exhibit by Mexican photographer, Mayra Goded, from Jan. 31 through May 1. Goded, recipient of the W. Eugene Smith Fund Award, is a recent nominee to Magnum Photos. She photographs prostitutes and prostitution in order to "speak" about women's equality, transgression, the body and sex, maternity, childhood and old age, beliefs, love and longing." A reception and public lecture takes place from 6 to 7 p.m. Jan. 31 in room 105. For more information, call 510-642-3385.

■

"The Berkeley Art Center," 1275 Walnut St., presents its annual "Members' Showcase" through Feb. 15. The exhibition includes paintings in all media, sculpture, works on paper, photography, printmaking, drawing and mixed media. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 510-644-6893.

■

"Berkeley Public Library," 2090 Kittridge St., continues the Afghanistan photograph display "Before There Were Guns, We Were Brothers," through Feb. 15. The display accompanies a free event "Views of Afghanistan," on Feb. 6, when the photographer joins authors Tamim Ansary and David Fleishacker in a community discussion. Library hours: Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For details, call 510-981-6100.

■

"The Magnes Museum" presents three new exhibitions in its Berkeley location.

2911 Russell St., through Feb. 18. The exhibits include "Hidden in the Walls: The Time Capsule from San Francisco's Lost Sanctuary," "Stephanie Snyder: Hamakom (The Place)," and "Sharing the Screen: Israelis and Palestinians in the San Francisco Jewish Film Festival, 1981-2002." Admission: Suggested donation: \$4 adults; \$3 students and seniors. Museum members and children under 12 free. For more information, call 415-541-8800 or visit the Web site at www.magnesmuseum.org.

■

"The Richmond Museum of History" continues exhibits highlighting Richmond's agricultural beginnings, industrial achievements, and home-front contributions during World War II. Special exhibits and events are held throughout the year. The museum is located in the historic 1910 Carnegie Library in the Old Downtown area at Fourth Street and Nevin Ave. Call 235-7387 for more information or to arrange tours.

■

"EI Cerrito" presents Open Clay Studio ongoing classes on Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Experience with clay is helpful, but not necessary. Opportunities will be provided for students to explore areas of clay work. Demonstrations and instruction will be provided on requests. Admission: \$7.50 residents, \$9.38 nonresidents. The location: Tassajara Pottery Center, 2575 Tassajara Boulevard. For more details call Julie at 215-4371.

■

"Alta Bates" Medical Center presents work by members of the California Watercolor Association at its Community Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. The gallery is in the main corridor to the left of the information desk and main entrance. Call 204-4444 for information.

■

"New Pictures" Gallery on Solano Avenue shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. except major holidays. Details: 527-6779.

■

"Charcot Marie Tooth" support group meets Saturdays bi-monthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuro-pathic disorder. Details: 524-3506.

■

"YWCA Health and Community Education"; drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

■

"Keepers of the Flame: Jewish Women's Roles and Rituals," a facilitated study and discussion group led by Chana Andler takes place Feb. 2, Feb. 16, March 2, March 16 and April 6. Women from all backgrounds, serious about exploring women's roles, rituals and more in the Jewish tradition are invited. To keep the group small and intimate, there is limited space available.

Required Text: Rachel Blad's "Women and Jewish Law: The Essential Texts," "Their History" and "Their Relevance for Today." Registration: \$40. For more information, call Chochmat HaLev at 510-704-9687.

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contemporary fiction, nonfiction and children's books. Meet the children's librarians, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is open to the public. Hours: 11 and to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Details 848-0237.

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Section D

Classic Classics: Man finally gets his 1967 Chevy Caprice [D2]

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Down the Road

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MOTOR MATTERS
Thinking about selling your
model-year car and wondering
where to set the price?
Thinking about buying a new or
used truck but wondering which
manufacturers have the best reliabil-
ity that you will have the fewest
problems?
No matter what your situation, a
recent survey of how well 1998-
2002 model-year cars and trucks have
performed for the last five years could
provide some helpful information.
The survey, which has been
conducted for the past 13 years, is the
Vehicle Dependability Index
by J.D. Power and Associates,
a market research firm based
in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Based on the responses of
more than 30,000 original owners
of five-year-old vehicles, in
the 1998 model year, who
asked about problems with
their vehicles.

The survey covers 137 problems
and measures those problems at a
certain stage, a time when many
people are considering selling their
cars and buying new ones.

Helpful information can be helpful
for buyers because people look
at used cars are generally
willing to spend more on a vehicle
with a reputation for reliability.

According to J.D. Power research,
more than one-half of all
vehicle buyers say that long-

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MOTOR MATTERS

VOLVO'S XC90 is North America Truck of the Year for five distinctive reasons, including roll stability control, an inflatable side curtain for all three rows of seats; an integrated, sliding center booster seat for children, seatbelts with pretensioners in all seating positions.

All-new 2003 Volvo XC90 stands above the crowd

MOTOR MATTERS

With the glut of SUVs on the market, it's obvious that not all will survive. One thing for sure, the Volvo 2003 XC90 SUV is here to stay.

Volvo's tag-line for this vehicle — "the next-generation SUV" — says it all. This SUV is not the run-of-the-mill type; the XC90 has what other manufacturers will probably try to imitate.

Already, the XC90 is a prize-winner. One year after being introduced at the North American International Auto Show, the Volvo XC90 has

been named North American Truck of the Year.

There are five distinctive reasons for this accolade: roll stability control; an inflatable side curtain for all three rows of seats; an integrated, sliding center booster seat for children, seatbelts with pretensioners in all seating positions; and a surround-sound stereo system featuring a 305-watt Alpine amplifier and 12 premium speakers.

The interior is big enough to allow two passengers in the rear seat to sit facing forward comfortably. Yet, if seating five passengers is all

TOM KEANE
Keane on Wheels

that is required, the third row seat easily folds flat below the cargo floor, increasing luggage capacity — with emphasis on the word easily.

Second row seats offer an adjustable fore and aft 40/20/40 bench seat to allow more room for third row passengers.

Another feature of the center row

seating is a child booster seat that can be moved forward so the child can get more attention from the front-seat passengers. This feature is part of an optional Versatility Package.

Another option that is helpful when traveling a distance is a roof-mounted DVD player with a 7-inch color monitor. This system uses wireless headphones to avoid disturbing other passengers.

The XC90 isn't a trimmed down crossover vehicle that takes on car-like characteristics with reduced interior space. This is a solid, upright

SUV, yet it has distinctive body styling.

The lines are smooth, attractive, stately, and upright — with terrific eye-appeal. The fact is, the XC90 is the largest vehicle Volvo makes.

However, in spite of its size, the ride is very car-like. It is easy to handle, has an exceptionally quiet interior and plenty of get-up and go.

Two engines are available: one is powerful the other more powerful. My tester had a 2.5-liter five-cylinder turbocharged engine that

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Mother knows best when son longs for 1967 Chevy Caprice

MOTOR MATTERS

Gary Cameron's mother was right. If she had agreed to be a co-signer for her teenage son who was lustful after a big-block GM product, he very likely may have done himself harm in the overpowered car.

All that happened back in the 1960s in Michigan, and Cameron since then had matured — that is until October 2001.

That's when his Canadian cousin, David Gardella, called from Edmonton, Alberta, with news about the perfect car — an exceptionally nice 1967 Chevrolet Caprice two-door hardtop with a big-block 396-cubic-inch, 325-horsepower V8 under the hood.

Gardella had purchased the car already, knowing that his American cousin would want it. Once Cameron heard the description of the Chevrolet, the deal was done.

With a trifile more than 98,000 original miles, the car was trucked from Edmonton to Silver Spring, Md. where Cameron became the car's fourth owner. He finally had the big-block car he had always wanted.

The credit-card-like Protect-O-Plate that was issued with most new cars in that era was printed in two languages — English and French — because the car also was sold in Canada.

Cameron was pleased to find the original green-and-white 1967 Alberta license plate proclaiming the Canadian centennial.

Chevrolet offered an upscale Caprice option on the Impala sport sedan for the first time in 1965. The popular upscale option was given series status the following year.

By 1967 the Caprice was acknowledged as the most luxurious Chevrolet.

VERN PARKER
Classic Classics

Cameron's car is loaded with accessories including: four-speed transmission, front bucket seats/console, 396 cid V8 engine, tachometer and clock, vacuum power brakes, tilt steering wheel, front chrome bumper guard, rear chrome bumper guard, and floor mats totaling \$706 in 1967 dollars.

Cameron believes his car was repainted in the original Maria Blue Metallic about a decade ago. Since then the finish has acquired a few minor chips, but is remarkably presentable.

He enjoys rowing through the Muncie four-speed floor-shift transmission while seated in the driver's strato-bucket seat.

Research indicates the car was built May 25, 1967, in Oshawa, Ontario, and five days later was shipped to the dealer in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

It carried a base price of \$3,078. Cameron believes only 11 Caprice models equipped like his were produced in Canada.

"This car definitely came from Saskatoon," Cameron says as he points to the electric plug connected to the engine-block heater. "It needed a new clutch when I got it," he adds.

He also found new-old stock arm rests to replace the cracked originals. Now he is searching for a replacement for the cracked dashboard. The original isn't in terrible condition; however, he wants it to be like new.



THIS 1967 CHEVROLET CAPRICE was one of only about a dozen made in Canada with all the luxury options owner bought it with a little more than 98,000 miles on odometer and still sporting its Canadian license plate.

The almost 2-ton Caprice measures 17 feet, 9 inches from front bumper guard to rear bumper guard. "It's a puller," Cameron says, referring to the tremendous 410 pound-feet of torque provided by the big-block engine.

The V8 engine is kept cool with 22 quarts of coolant.

When the five-passenger Caprice arrived to Cameron's home, a set of white-letter tires supported the car on a 119-inch wheelbase. The original 14-inch rally wheels had been replaced with the optional 15-

inch wheels.

Cameron went one step further and replaced the tires with 8.25x15-inch red-line tires that were offered as an option in 1967.

With the mighty engine redlining the 7,000 rpm tachometer at 5,000 rpm, the limit of the 120-mph speedometer easily is exceeded.

To give the thirsty car a decent cruising range, it is fitted with a 24-gallon fuel tank that had better be filled with the highest octane fuel available to keep the engine running happily.

On fair weather weekends, Cameron takes his car out for some fun. The windows cranked down and the radio cranked up.

He knows that at any time he can kick the car into fire. "My mom was right," he says.

If you have a vehicle of interest, call "Classics" readers, write to us, or call 4635 Bailey Drive, Williamsburg, 23188-4109 detailing its merits.



CHEVROLET'S NEW Silverado 1500HD crew cab comes with QuadraSteer which allows it to maneuver like a Saturn coupe.

Chevy half-ton: Big on entertainment, agility

MOTOR MATTERS

Bet you never thought about a heavy-duty work truck featuring such sensory pleasures as brilliant movie images, limitless music and the feel of graceful handling.

The worlds of personal-use vehicles and practical, old-line truckin' collide big-time to create the 2003 Chevrolet Silverado 1500HD crew cab test-truck.

This rolling utopia features a DVD rear-seat entertainment system, XM Satellite Radio, QuadraSteer four-wheel steer and a roomy cab accessed by four full-size doors.

The well-appointed tester does lack four-wheel drive and leather upholstery — elements that might keep it out of the top-tier of go-anywhere, mobile-living-room pickups. But, for extra cash, Chevy definitely can grant such wishes.

The LS test truck is pricey enough, commanding a \$29,677 base price and, with aforementioned techie trappings, a \$40,053 drive-out total.

Of course, a real trucker demands beef with these garnishes, and the 1500HD delivers. While the crew cab wears "1500" badging, it isn't a garden-variety half-ton model.

The "HD" heavy-duty designation puts it in limbo between regular 1500- and light-duty 2500-series pickups. Built on a substantial three-quarter-ton chassis, this beefy 1500 series pickup merits a "heavy half" title.

It's an answer to Ford's successful F-150 SuperCrew, but, instead of a sawed-off bed, it has a regular-length 6 1/2-foot-long cargo box that's only available in Fleetside form. Along with a more sub-

TIM SPELL
Truck Talk

stantial frame and the QuadraSteer offering, the 1500HD's 2500 breeding gives it the power of a 6000 Vortec V8 engine.

This 6.0-liter brute produces 300 horsepower at 4,400 rpm and, for a trailer-towing kick, 360 foot-pounds of torque at 4,000 rpm.

Transmission choices are a five-speed manual or four-speed automatic transmission.

Partnered with a four-speed autobox featuring Tow/Haul mode, the engine generates grunt to tug a trailer up to 10,200 pounds. This force compares to a 1500 extended-cab's 8,600-pound maximum towing.

Engaging Tow/Haul mode eliminates excessive gear-hunting on hilly terrain. The 1500HD also excels at toting heavy payloads, boasting a 3,094-pound capacity.

Despite its brutish character, the 1500HD is more civilized than its three-quarter-ton sibling. Chevy reports "extensive" suspension tuning to achieve a softer ride.

Muscle is ample to launch this imposing pickup, which rolls on a 153-inch wheelbase and stretches 237.2 inches in length. Without QuadraSteer, this mass of sheet metal would require strategic parking — away from light, vehicle-crowded parking lots.

With QuadraSteer, a driver looks for challenging parking situations and hopes an audience is watching as the truck accom-

plishes Harry Houdini feats. Basically, four-wheel steer allows the driver to execute a one-sweep, 90-degree turn into a parking slot.

QuadraSteer reduces the turning diameter by 21 percent, from 49.6 feet to 37.4 feet. GM engineers compare the turning capabilities of a QuadraSteer-equipped pickup with that of a Saturn Coupe.

Observers might point out that the rear wheels are "broken." They do look a bit contorted because, in low-speed maneuvers, rear wheels turn counter to front wheels.

When moderate speeds are reached, rear wheels basically are straight. During high-speed cornering, stability and handling are increased with rear wheels turning in the same direction as front wheels.

A press of a button can activate QuadraSteer's towing mode, which modifies wheel action to accommodate trailer-hauling situations. In this mode both high- and low-speed maneuvering are significantly improved.

To demonstrate the system's trailer-tugging prowess, GM engineers set up a snaky, poly-lined course. A run with QuadraSteer off is awkward compared to the fluid maneuvering of activated four-wheel steer.

QuadraSteer benefits come as part of a \$5,750 package that also includes manual-select ride control, limited-slip differential, traction assist, heavy-duty trailering equipment and roof marker lamps.

QuadraSteer alone costs \$4,200, and a GM incentive trims that amount by \$2,000.

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Making turn signal flasher more noticeable

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BRAD BERGHOLDT
Auto QnA

Q I am 72 years old and own an eight-cylinder 1993 Chevy Caprice Classic. I bought this car new and from day one the turn signal flasher does not make enough sound to be heard by me or by my husband inside the car while driving.

My husband and I have no hearing problem. I have tried many dealers and parts shops and tried 552 Triton and other so-called loud noise flashers but they're useless.

Not hearing the flasher is a safety hazard. What can I do to make the flasher sound louder?

Sara P., San Bernardino, Calif.

A Sara, your turn signal flasher plugs into the convenience center, a black plastic brick located under the driver's side of the instrument panel.

I believe you're having difficulty hearing the flasher because of its rather deep-in-the-dash location and the insulating effect of the under-dash hush panel. The loud flashers were a good try.

There are a couple of other things that can be done to make the flasher more noticeable.

First, I'd relocate the flasher to the back-side of the trim plate under the steering column. This is fairly easy to do, using two pieces of wire, two male, and two female quick disconnect terminals (Radio Shack 64-3038, 64-3039).

Mounting the flasher rigidly to the trim plate with a metal broomstick holder/clip should amplify the clicking sound considerably.

If the flasher is still difficult to notice, installing a small tone generator (buzzer or chime: Radio Shack 273-055 or 273-071) is another option.

Connect the device's positive wire to a key-on power source and sneak the negative wire into one of the flasher's two connections (try one, then the other — as necessary — until the device alternates with the turn signals).

The sound level can be easily adjusted by wrapping one or more layers of foam rubber around the device.

Q My husband and I have had an on-going dispute for years over our automobile.

When I start my car, and my husband has driven it last, everything turns on when I turn the key over. The radio blasts, the heater and fan take off in the winter, the air conditioning and fan start up in the summer.

He NEVER turns anything off when he turns the ignition off. I keep telling him that it is bad for the car to start up with everything turned on. Am I a crazy psychotic female, as he tells me, or is there some truth to what I say?

Kate, Berwick, Pa.

A It is a good idea to minimize accessory electrical load while cranking the engine. This lessens the burden on the battery, allows the starter to work more efficiently and provides more available voltage for the ignition system.

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Wrangler Rubicon — off-road trail boss

MOTOR MATTERS

There are lots of SUVs pitched as dual-use, on-road/off-road vehicles — Jeep's newest edition isn't one of them.

Named after a California trail legendary for its ornery disposition, the Wrangler Rubicon is Jeep's most hard-core off-road machine.

Jeep designed its Rubicon by taking the things that a serious off-roader might retrofit onto their own vehicle and adding those features in factory.

The process yields a package with extreme versatility, right off the showroom floor. One stop, hard-rock shopping.

The Rubicon's purpose-built nature is evident in the list of standard equipment. Frame-mounted skid plates protect transfer case and fuel tank from rocks or stumps.

Diamond plate sill guards wrap around the rocker panels for body shielding and structural support.

Mounted on all four corners are chunky, 31-inch tall Goodyear Wrangler MT/R tires, backed by standard, four-wheel disc brakes.

The Rubicon is powered by Jeep's 4.0-liter, inline six-cylinder, coupled with a five-speed manual transmission (four-speed automatic optional).

It's rated at 190 horsepower with 235 pound-feet of torque and has a healthy appetite for fuel. (EPA estimates its gas mileage at 16/city, 19/highway).

The "Rock-Trac" transfer case is crawl-capable, with a low gear ratio of 4:1. The front and rear axles are beefy Dana 44s, with a set of stump-pulling 41:1 gears.

A dash-mounted switch locks the rear axle and toggles on/off for the front. The 4x2/4x4 lever is just left and forward of the gearshift.

In practice, this gives the driver all of the tools needed to maximize grip where there is minimal traction. Angles of approach/ break over/ departure measure 41.8/22.3/31.3 degrees respectively, and the running ground clearance is 8.8 inches.

The Rubicon's compact dimensions (it measures just 155.4 inches long), means it can squeeze through surprisingly tight spaces.

The combination of good, low-end torque; beefy tread; and heavy-duty, traction-assisting hardware make Rubicon close to unstoppable in off-road conditions.

It rolls over moderate terrain with ease and will steadily chug through the toughest of trails.

Of course, anything this good off-road is bound to be a compromise on surface roads.

The massive Goodyear tires chew through mud and snow like nobody's business, but they are noisy on pavement, and the

DAN LYONS
Get Off the Road

added height of these tires does nothing to improve the cornering capability of the already high-profile, short-wheelbase 4x4 frame.

The Wrangler Rubicon's tall tires and ground clearance leave the vehicle's cabin higher to step into, so some drivers may want to purchase the optional side steps.

All Wranglers have 2+2 seating. The "plus" depends on how large and how limber the prospective rear seat occupants are and how long they plan on staying there.

With both seats set to carry people, there is precious little room to haul anything else. Storage space measures a meager 8.9 cubic feet.

In a more typical setup, the rear bench will either be flipped forward (expanding cargo capacity to 41.5 cubic feet) or removed entirely (53.8 cubic feet).

My fully loaded (\$28,030) test vehicle was fitted with the optional (\$920) hard top.

Hard hats for Wranglers have roll-up windows and add a bit of weatherproofing — a plus during the single digit cold snap that accompanied the Jeep to my driveway.

The HVAC was able to keep the view clear during a snowy, slopy patch of weather, which would be tougher in the standard soft top model.

On the other hand, although it's cumbersome to work with, the convertible top is a plus in sunny climates.

I asked Mike Gabriel, manager of Jeep Vehicle Development, where the inspiration came from the Rubicon. "Primarily, it was from customer's very vocal desire to have a factory off-road rig with serious hardware."

Rubicon wasn't developed with any specific performance objectives in mind.

"We knew what the vehicle could be capable of," said Gabriel, "so we said, 'let's make it as capable as we can without changing the vehicle's architecture.'

"The objective was to make it easier to drive on trails we've struggled on before and go on trails we couldn't before."

In a world of SUVs that mostly never stray off the pavement, the Wrangler Rubicon is an exception.

The manufacturer estimates that more than half of all small Jeeps spend at least some of their time in the dirt and Rubicon buyers likely will boost that percentage.

In my opinion, this one's hard core.



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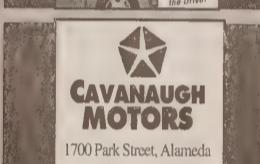
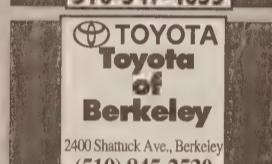
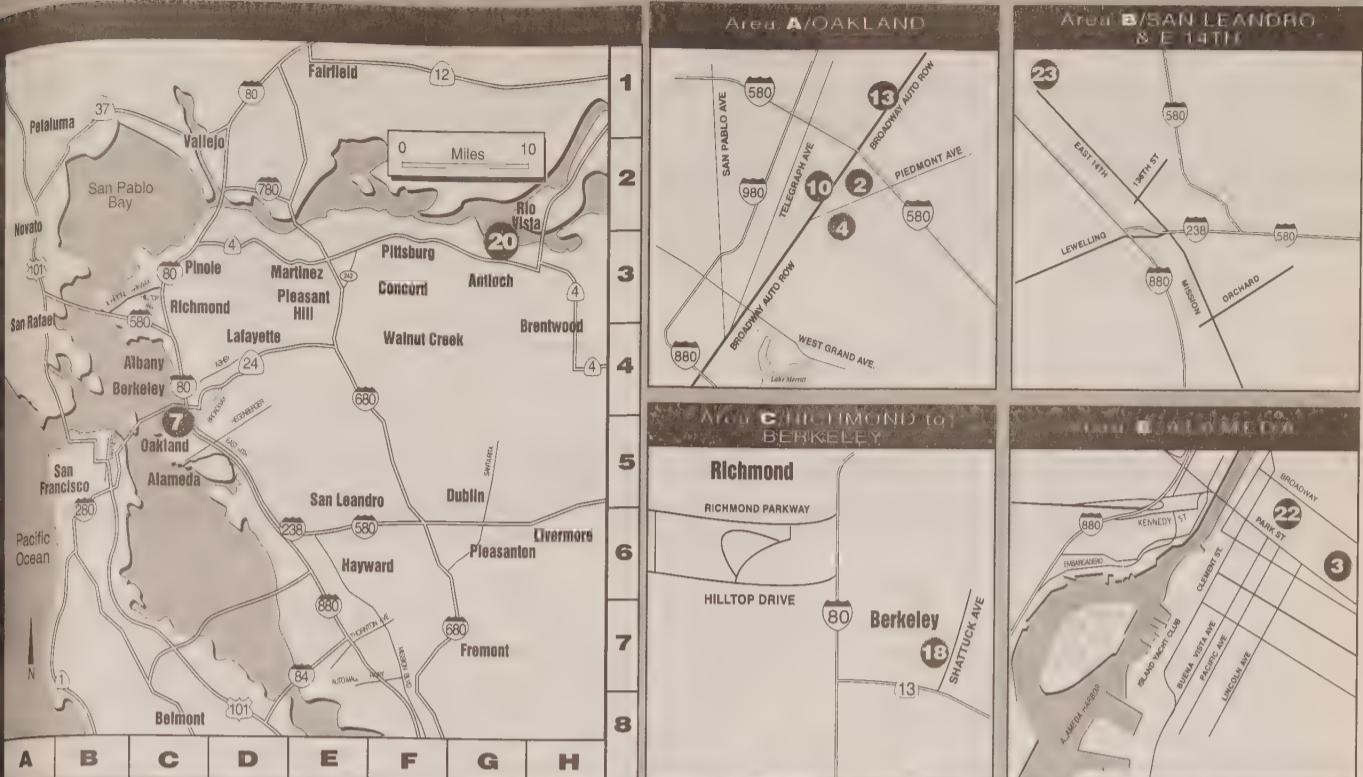
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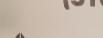
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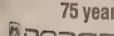
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Dinner tonight: Kickin' Chicken Soup

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A hearty bowl of homemade chicken soup doesn't have to take hours to get to the table. A few convenience products come in handy, as do quick-to-cook chicken breasts, which are broiled before being added to the pot.

This Southwestern-influenced soup includes jalapenos and ground red pepper for heat, and cilantro for zest; if you prefer a mild rendition, omit the jalapenos and red pepper.

Menu

Kickin' chicken soup with shredded cheese and tortilla chips and beer or iced tea

Time-saving tips:

1) Take advantage of frozen products: Use frozen chopped onions and substitute the beans and corn for a Southwestern frozen-veggie mix available in most supermarkets.

2) Use ready-cooked rotisserie chicken.

3) To extend this soup for more

servings, cook 1 cup of pasta shells or rice and add to the finished soup.

4) This soup can be frozen for future meals; omit the cilantro and add it just before serving.

KICKIN' CHICKEN SOUP

2 large, boneless chicken breasts

3 tablespoons canola oil

1 large onion, chopped

3 cloves garlic, minced

1 jalapeno chili, minced, see note

1 carton (32 ounces) low-sodium chicken broth

3 cups fresh or frozen corn kernels

1 can (15.5 ounces) black beans

Juice of 1 lime

1 teaspoon salt or to taste

1/2 teaspoon ground red pepper or hot sauce

Freshly ground black pepper

1/2 cup minced cilantro

Shredded Monterey jack cheese, tortilla chips, optional

1. Heat broiler. Cook chicken, turning once, about 10 minutes.

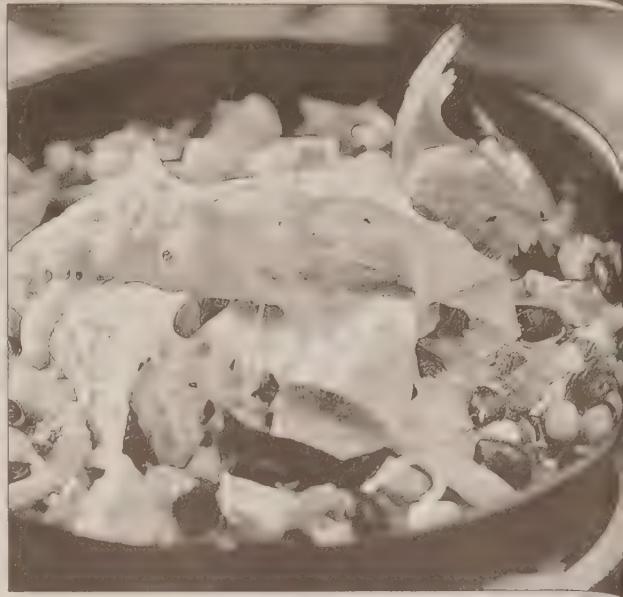
Meanwhile, heat oil in stockpot over medium heat. Add onion, garlic and chili; cook until soft, about 3 minutes. Add broth, corn, beans, lime juice, salt and red and black pepper. Heat to boil; reduce heat to simmer.

2. Slice or shred cooked chicken; add to pot. Add cilantro. Heat through, about 1 minute. Ladle into soup bowls; top each with shredded cheese and crumbled tortilla chips, if desired.

Note: Include the chili seeds for more heat.

Preparation time: 25 minutes, cooking time: 15 minutes, makes 8 servings.

THIS SOUTHWESTERN-INFLUENCED SOUP (right) adds jalapenos and ground red pepper for heat, cilantro for zest and shredded chicken breast and black beans for heft to the spicy broth in this entree-worthy soup.



Lasagna

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noodles until soft but firm, al dente. Remove noodles and drain individually on a clean dish towel. Spread out the noodles to keep them flat. Pat dry.

Preheat the oven to 325 F. Grease a 9-by-13-inch glass baking dish.

Spread 1 to 2 cups sauce over the bottom of the dish. Arrange 4 lasagna noodles over the sauce. Spread 1/3 of the ricotta over the pasta, followed by 1/4 of the mozzarella and 1/4 of the Parmesan. Add another layer of the sauce over the cheeses.

Repeat the layers of pasta and cheeses two times. For the final layer, scatter mozzarella, Parmesan and the remaining sauce over the pasta (you will have used all the ricotta). For best flavor, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 24 hours.

When ready to bake, remove from refrigerator 1 hour before baking. Remove the plastic wrap before baking. Bake in the 325 degree oven until bubbly and hot, 25 to 30 minutes. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving.

Makes 8 servings.

MEAT SAUCE

1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons olive oil

3 large yellow onions, chopped
2 large carrots, peeled and chopped
2 celery stalks, chopped
6 garlic cloves, chopped
3 teaspoons salt
3 teaspoons black pepper
2 pounds ground beef chuck
3 bay leaves
2 teaspoons dried oregano
1 cup water
2 teaspoons sugar

Three 14 1/2-ounce cans whole or chopped tomatoes, with juices

Three 14 1/2-ounce cans Italian recipe stewed tomatoes (includes Italian seasoning)

6-ounce can tomato paste

In a large stockpot, heat 1/2 cup olive oil over medium heat. When it is hot, add the onions, carrots and celery. Cook the vegetables, stirring occasionally, until lightly browned, about 10 minutes. Push the vegetables to the side a bit, add the garlic, season the vegetables with salt and pepper, and cook for another 2 minutes.

While the vegetables are cooking, heat the remaining 2 tablespoons of the olive oil in a large saute pan over high heat. When it is very hot, add half of the meat and cook, breaking up the clumps, until browned, about 8 minutes. Drain off the fat. Transfer the meat to the pot with the cooked vegetables. Repeat with the other half of the meat.

Add the bay leaves, oregano, 1 cup water, sugar, tomatoes and their liquid, and tomato paste to the meat and vegetables. Mix well and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to low or medium-low and cook for 45 minutes. Adjust seasonings if necessary. Use meat sauce in making lasagna.

Makes enough for 10 to 12 servings.

Note: Freeze extra meat sauce to use in making other pasta dishes.

SPEEDY MICROWAVE LASAGNA

1 1/2 pounds ground chuck
28-ounce jar spaghetti sauce
3/4 cup red wine or water (or a blend of both)
2 cups low-fat cottage cheese
2 large eggs
1 teaspoon dried whole thyme
8 whole-wheat lasagna noodles, uncooked, but soaked in 1/2 cup warm water to soften
2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
Crumble beef in a large bowl.

Microwave on High for 4 minutes; stir and microwave 2 more minutes or until meat is no longer pink, stirring once; drain. Stir in spaghetti sauce and wine.

Stir together cottage cheese, eggs and thyme.

Spread 1 cup meat sauce in a lightly greased 13-by-9-inch baking dish. Layer ingredients in dish in this order: 4 noodles, half of meat sauce, half of cottage-cheese mixture, half of mozzarella cheese, 4 noodles, remaining meat sauce, cottage cheese and mozzarella cheese. Cover with heavy-duty plastic wrap. Unfold one corner of wrap to allow steam to escape.

Microwave on High 8 minutes. Microwave at Medium (50 percent power) 30 minutes or until noodles are tender when tested with a fork, turning dish twice during cooking.

Sprinkle with additional Parmesan cheese; let stand 10 minutes before serving.

Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Note: This dish can be assembled ahead and refrigerated. Take out of refrigerator 1 hour before cooking. Also, if you don't want to do the final cooking in the microwave, remove plastic wrap and cover with aluminum foil. Bake at 325 F for 20 minutes, remove foil and bake until bubbly, about 10 more minutes.

Recipe from "Discover Dinner-time" by Susan Dosier and Julia Dowling Rutland, Wimmer Cookbooks.

Tips for cooking lasagna:

Buy ground chuck or lean ground beef. After browning, drain off the fat before adding the seasonings or mixing with the vegetable ingredients.

If using no-bake lasagna noodles or even regular noodles, presoak them in about 1/2 cup warm water to soften. This makes the noodles

easier to position in the baking pan.

If boiling lasagna noodles before layering with meat sauce and cheeses, drain the noodles on a clean dish towel. This quickly cools the noodles and keeps them from sticking together.

Balance the layering of the meat sauce and noodles to ensure that there is enough moisture in the meat sauce to steam the noodles as the lasagna bakes.

Bake covered or un-

325 F. Watch for over-drying out along the edges of the baking dish. If this occurs, cover with aluminum foil.

Sprayed with cooking spray to prevent sticking to the top of the casserole and baking.

Let finished lasagna stand 15 minutes before cutting to serve.

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Culinary curiosities you may have missed in 2002

BY MICHAEL PRECKER
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS
It's never a bad year for food—so much to eat, so little time. Even the most disconcerting developments in the Wonderful World of Food can't leave a sour taste in our mouths. But that doesn't stop some people from getting, however, with a promotion of goofy ideas and wacky ways to eat that, frankly, make us grateful for our year-end roundup around the world. So here's some unusual food you may have missed. Bon appetit!

Get me out of this microwave! Adam Snyder and his dad, Merlin, of Ventnor, N.J., claim to have invented a popcorn bag with a humanlike voice that talks to you. The Web site, www.talking-popcorn.com, offers a "free" bag for \$3.95 shipping and handling. Perhaps the popcorn could explain to them what "free" means.

Hi, I'm Kit-Ying, and I'll be your table today. A Japanese restaurant in Manchester, England, began offering dinner served on the bodies of unclothed women. Samantha Gore-Lyons of the Samsi restaurant told The (London) Sun that the idea is sweeping Tokyo: "We are swapping the angular tabletop for the sensuous curves of the female body."

Diners must use chopsticks and touch nothing but the food. Dishes include lobster, ginger yakitori chicken, smoked salmon sushi and garlic udon noodles. "I'm glad they're only serving cold food on me," Kit-Ying Ross told the newspaper.

Let's hope Kit-Ying never works here. Another English restaurant, Edible in London, began serving chocolate scorpions, alligator stew and rattlesnake chili, all washed down with scorpion vodka.

Not for the weak-kneed. reads the label. "Guaranteed to assault your taste buds. It's a lead-pipe cinch you'll love it." Harding's lawyer demanded the product be removed from stores, or at least, that Harding get a cut of the profits.

For a man wrote this recipe. A cheery book titled "Stop Getting Dumped!" includes a recipe for the Man-Magnet Cake. It's packed with vanilla and cinnamon, the scents of which are supposed to render men powerless. "All I know is the Man-Magnet Cake works like catnip for men," said author Lisa Daily.

As Homer Simpson might say, "woo hoo!" For a class project, two Purdue University students developed freeze-dried beer to use as a spice. "It could be used in dips, sauces, in breads or batters, or sprinkled on popcorn or potato chips," says co-developer Michelle Kelly. She reports it's nonalcoholic, comes in light and dark flavors, and won't turn back into beer if left out.

Add beer powder and they're perfect. Austrian designer Reinhardt Trummer began selling what she claims is the first all-chocolate bra. The \$155 edible bras are made from special chocolate that won't melt at inopportune moments. Trummer says they're a popular wedding present.

Meanwhile, a Seattle hotel pastry chef invented edible G-string bikinis from baked fruit leather and which can be any variety. But this will fit the obesity problem. LG Electronics introduced the MultiMedia Refrigerator, a full-foot beauty with a built-in computer monitor wired for TV viewing and Internet surfing. You can program video messages, use a remote control to open the door! You're letting air in!"

lace licorice as part of her hotel's "Love Machine" romantic weekend package. They're available in raspberry or mango.

The law won. Try to stay out of prison in Maryland. Unruly inmates there are served a breadlike item made from potato flakes, imitation cheese, powdered milk, raisins, carrots, tomato paste, whole wheat bread, beans and canned spinach. The whole thing is formed into a loaf and baked, and served to problem prisoners three meals a day.

Accept no spud-substitutes. The Idaho Potato Commission revealed that agents at its field offices around the country go into stores to check on the quality of the potatoes. Executive Director Mel Anderson says the potato police look for dubious spuds claiming to be from Idaho, and send them in for testing. Anderson says no potato leaves Idaho without an inspection to ensure that it upholds the state's good name.

Do you really want this on your table? An Oregon company, apparently out of ideas, unveiled Tonya Hot Sauce, featuring an unflattering caricature of disgraced figure skater Tonya Harding outside a dumpy trailer, cigarette in mouth, ice skates in one hand and a bottle of beer in the other.

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Not my neck, doc; the bottle neck. Matt Augustine, a chemistry professor at the University of California at Davis, figured out that he could give old wine bottles a magnetic resonance imaging test—usually used on people—to check if the contents are still good. The MRI can detect vinegar, which is what wine becomes when oxygen gets in through a leaky cork. At the university, which is known for its Department of Viticulture and Enology, Dr. Augustine has already detected some spoiled vintages from 1950, 1960 and 1968.

Were you going to eat them? Jeweler Jennifer Kellogg got into In Style magazine by turning marshmallow Peeps bunnies into necklaces, pins and rings.

Obligatory Spam item. Workers at Americhem in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, host a Spam feast every Friday at lunch. The Akron Beacon Journal reported that the menu has

included the likes of cold Spam 'n' pasta salad, warm Spam meatballs, chunks of Spam in barbecue sauce, Spam and green onion pizza and various Spam casseroles. Slow-cookers brim with Spam chili and Spam and bean soup.

The men — and yes, the culprits are all male — get their recipes from the Internet, from cookbooks and from their wives' recipe files.

One man used his wife's recipe for breakfast hash-brown casserole, substituting Spam for ham. Another added a gourmet touch to Spam-stuffed peppers by tossing in fresh rosemary, thyme and sage.

The star of one week's buffet was a pile of Spam burgers made with ground sausage, beef and Spam mixed with onion and green pepper and bound with cracker crumbs.

Put down the anchovies and slowly back away. Pizza kept showing up in the police blotter:

In Lakewood, Ohio, police found 400 rotting pizzas in Kimberly Herricks' garage and quickly sniffed out a scam. The pizzeria manager was charged with cooking the books by \$38,000 and covering up part of the plot by saying she was delivering the garage-bound pies.

Authorities in Lebanon, Ohio, arrested an employee of Chubby's Pizza for allegedly dealing marijuana through the store. Police said customers ordered "special seasonings" to have a bag of dope added to the order.

Two escapees from a Texas jail who were holding a hostage in an Oklahoma convenience store agreed to surrender if the sheriff brought them a Pizza Hut Meat Lovers' pizza. He did, and they did.

Compiled from The Dallas Morning News staff and wire reports.



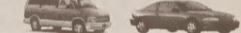
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KRISPY KREME now offers a wedding cake made of tiered stacks of donuts. Krispy Kreme's executive chef said customers came up with the idea. Ron Rupolinski recommends a lightweight ornament atop the donuts, which can be any variety.

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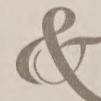
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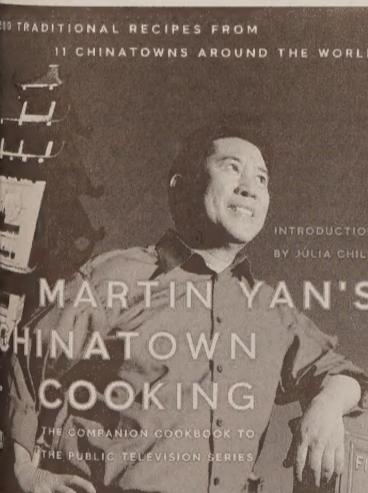


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Thanks to the experts at the Chilean Fresh Fruit Association, we have an abundance of outstanding fresh fruits to choose from during our winter months. Luckily for us, it's summer in Chile when it's winter in America.

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Eating a colorful variety of fruits and vegetables — at least one serving from each of five color groups (blue/purple, green, white, yellow/orange and red) daily — may seem daunting in the winter, but not when you have such a great choice of fruits from Chile.

Sprinkle raspberries on your cereal in the morning, add berries to muffin mixes or serve Cherry Berry Sauce over waffles on Saturday. Take some dark, sweet cherries to the office for lunch or a late morning snack. When it comes to dinner, the possibilities are endless.

Add berries and cherries to your winter fruit salads, sprinkle on frozen yogurt, or serve cherry berry sauce over toasted slices of pound cake. Berries are great baked into tarts and cobblers or used with yogurt and granola to build a delicious parfait.

Keep cherries and berries refrigerated until ready to eat and wash them just before you are ready to serve, not before.

For more information on fresh fruits from Chile, visit www.cffa.org. For more information about 5 A Day The Color Way and the health benefits of eating a colorful variety of fruits and vegetables, visit the Web site www.5aday.com and www.aboutproduce.com.

CHERRY BERRY SAUCE
1-1/2 cups unsweetened apple juice

1/4 cup sugar
1 tablespoon butter
1 cup blueberries, divided in two portions

1 cup raspberries, divided in two portions

1 cup pitted dark sweet cherries

1/4 teaspoon almond flavoring
1/2 cup miniature marshmallows

Place juice, sugar, butter and half the berries into a medium size saucepan and bring to boil on medium heat, stirring often. Cook gently for about 3 minutes.

Remove from heat, add marshmallows and stir until melted. Serve warm over hot waffles, pancakes, French toast, ice cream or pound cake.

Preparation time: 15 minutes. Number of 5 A Day servings: 1-1/2. Makes 6 generous 1/3 cup servings.

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Here's a sample recipe from "*Into the Sauce*:

CHICKEN SALTIMBOCCA WITH ESCAROLE (Saltimbocca di pollo con verdura)

1 pound escarole greens, chopped
4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts (6 oz. each)
Salt to taste
Pepper to taste
2 tablespoon finely chopped fresh sage

4 slices prosciutto, thinly sliced
2 tablespoon olive oil
Flour for dusting 1/4 cup chicken stock
1/4 cup white wine
2 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
4 tablespoon unsalted butter
8 lemon wedges

In a pot of boiling water, cook escarole for approximately 3 minutes, then drain, cool and squeeze out excess water. Set aside. Flatten chicken breast to 1/8-inch thickness by

pounding lightly between two sheets of wax paper. Sprinkle each piece with salt and pepper and spread each evenly with sage. Top each breast with a slice of prosciutto secured with wooden toothpicks.

Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Dust each breast with flour and place in the saute pan, prosciutto side down. Cook until golden brown.

Turn chicken over, finish cooking, about 8 minutes. Place chicken on a baking sheet and cover with foil to keep warm. Discard olive oil from saute pan and add chicken stock, wine, lemon juice, prepared escarole, salt and pepper.

Cook for about 5 minutes, remove from heat, add butter and mix in to thicken sauce. Place chicken on a large platter, prosciutto side up, remove toothpicks and pour sauce over.

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